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COMMITTEE SAYS SOUTHERN SEMINARY IS O. K.

Charges Not Verified As Accuser Failed To Attend Hearing

A committee of five preachers, well-known throughout Southern Baptist territory has examined the charges that Modernism was creeping into the Southern Baptist Seminary and the committee finds that there are no grounds for the charges. The committee was composed of the following preachers: Dr. J. Clyde Turner, Dr. H. I. Hester, Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Dr. Millard J. Berquist, and Dr. W. R. Pettigrew. They unanimously decided that the charges were without merit and in their report declared:

"The committee entered thoroughly into each of the charges, and carefully examined all the evidence given to support them. IT IS OUR FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE TEACHING IN THE SEMINARY TODAY HAS NOT DEVIATED FROM THAT OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE INSTITUTION AND ITS HONORED AND TRUSTED LEADERS THROUGH THE YEARS.

"We have the utmost confidence in the wisdom, consecration, and doctrinal soundness of our president. He never recommends one for the faculty until he has been thoroughly convinced of his soundness in the faith. He keeps in close touch with members of the faculty and confers with them concerning all phases of the Seminary life. He is giving his very life to our beloved institution and deserves the confidence and hearty cooperation of all our Baptist people."

The statement of the committee slightly condensed follows:

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City a motion was made by Reverend Oscar Gibson, Louisville, Kentucky, that a committee be appointed to investigate modernism in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This matter was referred to the Board of Trustees.

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Thurman Booth To Speak On Miss. Radio Hour

Rev. Thurman Booth, pastor of the Terry Church, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour, Sunday afternoon, September 18 at 2:30 o'clock. This will be the third of a series of three messages by the Rev. Mr. Booth. He will be heard over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada; WHOC, Philadelphia.

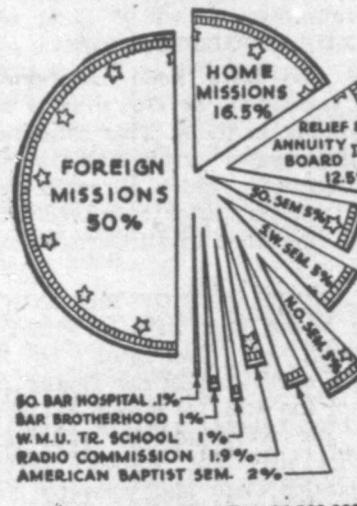
30 Cuban Churches Plan Simultaneous Revival In December

E. Powell Lee, of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, has spent a week lecturing on our Southern Baptist program of evangelism at the summer Institute held in the City and Province of Matanzas, Cuba. The school was held in the spacious rooms of the Irene Toland School, rented from the Methodists; and the pastors, missionaries, and workers occupied the dormitories situated in an enclosure on the same block.

The Institute, like our Ridgecrest, presented a well-balanced program of

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S.B. Gifts Up 8 Percent In '49



Percentage Division of First \$4,000,000 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Receipts, 1949

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP) August cooperative Program receipts totaled \$477,832.51 and designations totaled \$90,303.47, giving a grand total of \$568,135.98, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Cooperative Program receipts are \$271,112.39 higher than last year at the close of business. Designations are \$294,996.58 higher. So far this year Southern Baptists have given a total of \$7,080,852 to their mission and benevolent causes. All Cooperative Program funds contributed the last four and one half months of the year will be used for capital improvements of missions and other properties.

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE ON THE JOB IN EUROPE

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

Readers' Digest Correspondent

Here in the heart of London, at the European headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance, there labors a quiet, graying man, Dr. Walter O. Lewis. More than any other person, he carries in his heart and on his shoulders the work of the Alliance in this hungry postwar Europe.

Modest as a Quaker, Dr. Lewis never uses the pronoun "I." This Missouri man who belongs to the whole Baptist world says "we." And no one is better known nor more beloved in Baptist councils of Europe than Walter O. Lewis.

As I write these words, sitting at his desk, he has just left for Zurich, Switzerland, to take part in the opening of the Baptist Theological Seminary there. Then to Germany. And to France. Wherever the growing needs of Baptist work call him.

"Our task consists mostly of three R's," Dr. Lewis told me. "Relief, reconstruction, and refugees."

As to relief: The Baptist World Alliance man is the co-ordinator of relief in Europe. Funds that come in, principally from America, are feeding more than 1,000 men, women, and children a day. The greatest share of this is in Germany. The usual plan is to open a relief center in a Baptist chapel. Hundreds crowd in, especially the aged and the young, suffering from malnutrition. For several days they are fed, and given medicines and clothing. Then others are admitted. Thousands have been saved from starvation, and from tuberculosis. The

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Plan Early Publication Of Newly Discovered Old Testament Manuscripts

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(RNS)—Ancient Hebrew manuscripts dating back to the first century B. C. which were accidentally discovered in Palestine early last year will be published in photographic form this fall with suitable transcriptions, it was announced here by Professor Carl H. Kraeling, president of the American Schools of Oriental Research at Yale University.

The Old Testament manuscripts, whose discovery has been hailed as one of the most significant of its kind in modern times, include the oldest known copy of the Book of Isaiah, the most complete Biblical document ever found. This document will be included in a volume now in preparation, as well as a commentary on the book of Habakkuk, a minor Hebrew prophet.

Professor Kraeling, who is chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at Yale, said other volumes based on original animal-skin manuscripts found by wandering Arab Bedouins in a cave

near the Dead Sea will follow shortly afterwards.

He pointed out that these manuscripts are now in the United States, but are not owned or held by the American Schools of Oriental Research. They are in the possession of Metropolitan Athanasius Yeshue Samuel, of the Syrian Orthodox Monastery of St. Mark in Jerusalem, now in this country, who will place them on exhibition in the near future.

"Scholars throughout the world," Professor Kraeling said, "regard the discovery of these Hebrew manuscripts, and the many fragments which have also been found, as key links in completing our knowledge about an important period of Judaism."

"The manuscripts tell us a good deal about the reliability of the traditional Hebrew text of the Bible," Professor Kraeling said, commenting on the Palestine discovery, which has created considerable discussion in archaeological and Biblical journals.

Five Miss. Churches Baptize Over 100

Five churches in Mississippi, according to a report by Porter Routh, editor of The Quarterly Review, baptized more than 100 people during the year 1949.

The churches are listed below along with the number of baptisms, the membership, the ratio of baptisms to membership and the pastor.

Church	Baptisms	Mem- bership	Ratio to Mem- bership	Pastor
Orystal Springs, First	116	1,126	9.7	Rev. M. D. Morton
Brookhaven, First	114	2,300	20.2	Dr. W. Landon Miller
Columbus, First	107	2,569	24.0	Dr. S. R. Woodson
Jackson, Calvary	105	4,198	40.0	Dr. Harold G. Basden
Pascagoula, First	101	1,263	12.7	Dr. Charles L. McKay

**Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists
The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists**

COMMITTEE SAYS SOUTHERN
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of the institution. The trustees are grateful for this action of the Convention in placing the matter in the hands of the Board of Trustees, who, according to our Baptist policy is managing our institutions, are responsible for the affairs of the Seminary. We assure the Convention that the trustees are ever mindful of their responsibility to maintain the Seminary on the high level of efficiency and doctrinal integrity which has characterized its history.

When the Seminary was founded in 1859, there was formulated and adopted a document known as "Fundamental Laws." The charter provides: ". . . that the Trustees of said corporation shall preserve inviolable, and maintain forever in the management and control of this institution, the fundamental laws . . ." Article 9 of the Fundamental Laws is known as the "Abstract of Principles" and is as follows:

"9. Every Professor of the Institution shall be a member of a regular Baptist Church; and all persons accepting Professorships in this Seminary, shall be considered, by such acceptance, as engaging to teach in accordance with, and not contrary to, the Abstract of Principles hereinafter laid down, a departure from the principles, on his part, shall be considered ground for his resignation or removal by the Trustees—to wit:

THE ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. THE SCRIPTURES

"The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only sufficient, certain and authoritative rule of all saving knowledge, faith and obedience.

II. GOD

"There is but one God, the Maker, Preserver and Ruler of all things, having in and of himself, all perfections, and being infinite in them all.

III. THE TRINITY

"God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit each with distinct personal attributes.

IV. PROVIDENCE

"God from eternity, decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet so as not in any wise to be the author or approver of sin nor to destroy the free will and responsibility of intelligent creatures.

V. ELECTION

"Election is God's eternal choice of some persons unto everlasting life—not because of foreseen merit in them, but of His mere mercy in Christ—in consequence of which choice they are called, justified and glorified.

VI. THE FALL OF MAN

"God originally created man in His own image, and free from sin; but, through the temptation of Satan, he transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original holiness and righteousness; whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and wholly opposed to God and His law, are under condemnation, and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

VII. THE MEDIATOR

"Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the divinely appointed mediator between God and man. Having taken upon Himself human nature, yet without sin, He perfectly fulfilled the law, suffered and died upon the cross for the salvation of sinners.

VIII. REGENERATION

"Regeneration is a change of heart, wrought by the Holy Spirit, who quickeneth the dead in trespasses and sins, enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the Word of God, and renewing their whole nature, so

that they love and practice holiness.

IX. REPENTANCE

"Repentance is an evangelical grace, wherein a person being, by the Holy Spirit, made sensible of the manifold evil of his sin, humbleth himself for it, with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorrence, with a purpose and endeavor to walk before God so as to please Him in all things.

X. FAITH

"Saving faith is the belief, on God's authority, of whatsoever is revealed in His Word concerning Christ; accepting and resting upon Him alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life.

XI. JUSTIFICATION

"Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners, who believe in Christ, from all sin, through the satisfaction that Christ has made; not for anything wrought in them or done by them; but on account of the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith.

XII. SANCTIFICATION

"Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal of sinners, who believe in Christ, from all sin, through the satisfaction that Christ has made; not for anything wrought in them or done by them; but on account of the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith.

XIII. PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

"Those who have been regenerated are also sanctified, by God's word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is progressive through the supply of Divine strength, which all saints seek to obtain, pressing after a heavenly life in cordial obedience to all Christ's commands.

XIV. THE CHURCH

"The Lord Jesus is the Head of the Church, which is composed of all his true disciples, and in Him is invested supremely all power for its government. According to his commandment, Christians are to associate themselves unto particular societies or churches; and to each of these churches he hath given needful authority for administering that order, discipline and worship which he hath appointed.

XV. BAPTISM

"Baptism is an ordinance of the Lord Jesus, obligatory upon every believer, wherein he is immersed in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of his fellowship with the death and resurrection of Christ, of remission of sins, and of his giving himself up to God, to live and walk in newness of life.

XVI. THE LORD'S SUPPER

"The Lord's Supper is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be administered with the elements of bread and wine, and to be observed by his churches till the end of the world. It is in no sense a sacrifice, but is designed to commemorate his death, to confirm the faith and other graces of Christians, and to be a bond, pledge and renewal of their communion with him, and of their church fellowship.

XVII. THE LORD'S DAY

"The Lord's day is a Christian institution for regular observance, and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private, resting from worldly employments and amusements, works of necessity and mercy only excepted.

XVIII. LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE

"God alone is Lord of the conscience; and He hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to His word, or not contained in it.

XIX. THE RESURRECTION

"The bodies of men after death return to dust, but their spirits return im-

mediately to God—the righteous to rest with Him; the wicked to be reserved under darkness to the judgment. At the last day, the bodies of all the dead, both just and unjust, will be raised.

XX. THE JUDGMENT

"God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world by Jesus Christ, when every one shall receive according to his deeds: the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment; the righteous, into everlasting life."

Every member of the faculty from that day to this has signed his name to these articles, and the instructors in the Seminary and teachings assistants are also required to subscribe to these principles. It is clearly understood that, if the time should come when any teacher can no longer subscribe to these articles, common honesty demands that he sever his connection with the Seminary.

GIBSON PRESENTS CHARGES

The trustees at their meeting in Oklahoma City authorized the appointment of a committee of five preachers to investigate the charges of modernism in the Seminary. This committee held its first meeting in Louisville, July 12-13. Since Mr. Gibson was the one who brought the matter before the Convention, he was asked to appear before the committee and present his charges in written form. This he did, citing certain sources of evidence to support them. Copies of these charges were sent to all the members of the Board of Trustees.

The committee met again in Louisville, August 30-31, to give further consideration to these charges, and to hear any additional charges, and such evidence as might be presented to support them. Mr. Gibson was notified of this meeting six weeks ahead of time but he did not at that time indicate that the date was not suitable to him. He advised the chairman of the committee shortly before the fixed date of the meeting that he would be out of the city at that time and could not attend. He was then notified again that the meeting would be held at the date fixed, and was requested to send to the committee any evidence which he wished to present. On the morning of August 30, the day the committee had assembled in Louisville, the chairman received a telegram from Mr. Gibson in Owensboro, Kentucky, stating his inability to attend, but he furnished no additional evidence to support his charges.

The committee deeply regrets that Mr. Gibson did not appear for this meeting on August 30-31. Inasmuch as the members had come from long distances to be present, and inasmuch as they had in their possession the formal charges made by Mr. Gibson, and the sources of evidence which he cited to support them, the committee felt constrained to proceed with their work.

In his written statement on July 13, Mr. Gibson presented his charges under three headings, namely: (1) The teaching of certain individuals on the teaching staff; (2) The character of reading matter assigned for parallel reading; (3) The type of men invited to speak at the annual Pastors' Conference in March.

CHARGES NOT PROVEN

While space does not permit a detailed statement concerning each charge, the committee wishes to report that it entered thoroughly into each of the charges, and carefully examined all the evidence given to support them. It is our firm conviction that the teaching in the Seminary today has not deviated from

Paynes Church Progresses



REV. C. L. BOLAND

Paynes Church, which ten years ago was a one-room inadequate building about one-half mile off the highway is now located on the highway and consists of a modern building with nine Sunday School rooms. Church property also includes a three-bedroom pastorum.

Rev. C. L. Boland has been living on the field since May, 1948. During the past 13 months there have been 60 additions to the church. An average of 160 attend Sunday School each Sunday.

The pastor, a graduate of M. C. and the Southwestern Seminary takes a recording of the worship services to the shut-ins of the community each week.

Mrs. Boland teaches a Sunday School class and leads the G. A.'s. Their 13-year-old daughter, Donie Elizabeth is the church pianist.

In appreciation of the pastor the men of the church gave him an Oldsmobile at the end of his first year's service.

that of the founders of the institution and its honored and trusted leaders through the years. We believe that every member of the faculty is thoroughly loyal to the fundamental doctrines of our faith, and is serving devotedly and sacrificially in the work of the Kingdom of God, and is deserving of our utmost confidence and esteem.

Concerning charges under headings (2) and (3) we believe that it is better for the students to become acquainted with contemporary thought in the religious world under the guidance of consecrated and scholarly teachers, than to allow them to go forth from the Seminary unacquainted with these teachings which will confront them in their ministry. We are confident that the faculty will exercise due caution in the selection of the men who are invited to speak at the Seminary, and will invite only those who are loyal to the truths of evangelical Christianity.

We have the utmost confidence in the wisdom, consecration, and doctrinal soundness of our president. He never recommends one for the faculty until he has been thoroughly convinced of his soundness in the faith. He keeps in close touch with members of the faculty and confers with them concerning all phases of the Seminary life. He is giving his very life to our beloved institution and deserves the confidence and hearty cooperation of all our Baptist people.

To Teach At Miss. College

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says:
"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

BAPTIST BUSINESS BOOMS!

Mississippi Baptists in August, 1949 gave more for all the causes of Christ through the Cooperative Program than ever before during any August. The gain over August 1948 was \$18,609.28 as shown in this comparison by the Bookkeeping Department!

Cooperative Program

Receipts

August 1949	\$68,366.11
August 1948	49,756.83

Gain \$18,609.28

Last week we presented Bookkeeping figures showing that for the first ten months of this Convention year Mississippi Baptists had given more through the Cooperative Program for all the work of Christ than for a similar period in all their history.

Joy for the givers!

Aspirin for the withholders!

Last year September was a banner month in this item. That means Mississippi Baptists must in September-October put a lot of the Lord's money through the Cooperative Program if we are to continue these gains for this Convention year ending October 31!

BAPTIST BUSINESS BOOMS!

Know Your Mississippi Baptist Convention Constitution

I
(By-Laws Continued)

XXI. A standing committee on Order of Business, consisting of five members, a standing committee on Nominations, consisting of seven members, and a standing committee of Ministerial Relief, consisting of seven members, shall be appointed annually, and their terms of service shall begin at the adjournment of the Convention during which they are appointed, and they shall be appointed before the last day of the Convention.

XXII. At each annual meeting of the Convention, select or special committees of several members each shall be appointed on Reviews of the Reports of the Convention Board, the Education Commission, and the Committee on Social Service, and there shall also be appointed a select committee on time and place of next annual meeting, which committee shall name the preacher and alternate for the next annual meeting.

There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting of the Convention, a Committee on Resolutions. All resolutions not connected with the reports of Board or Committees or Commissions shall be automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions which shall also consist of seven members. This committee is directed to report on all resolutions referred to it either with or without recommendations and amendments.

The Committee on Order of Business shall recommend the order of business for the next annual meeting of the Convention, and the committee shall have due regard to the customary practices and precedents of the Convention in arranging for the orderly and efficient conduct of its business and the discussion of its work. The committee shall publish its tentative program in The Baptist Record at least two weeks before the annual meeting of the Convention.

The Committee on Nominations shall report and nominate the members of the Convention Board, members or Trustees of the Education Commission, the trustees of the colleges, orphanages, hospitals and members of the Social Service Commission.

The Advisory Committee on Ministerial Relief shall work with the State Member of the Relief and Annuity Board, in considering all matters relative to relief

work in this state.

XXIII. The President shall appoint and announce before the close of the first session of the Convention a Committee on Committees, whose duty it shall be to select all standing, special, or select committees of the Convention, except as otherwise provided. The said committee shall announce the committee on review and the committee on the time and place of the next annual meeting, if possible, before the adjournment of the first session of the Convention.

XXIV. Nothing contained in the reports to the Convention shall be considered or construed as the action of the Convention except the recommendations which are definitely listed and are definitely adopted by affirmative action of the Convention. All recommendations of any Board, commission or committee shall be printed seriatim and grouped together at the end of the report before such recommendations are considered by the Convention.

XXV. Vacancies on any Board or agency of the Convention occurring between the annual meetings of the Convention may be filled temporarily by the Board or its Executive Committee and those elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

XXVI. No salaried officer, official or full time paid worker receiving full pay from and rendering all service to any Board or Commission of the Convention shall be eligible for membership on such Board or Commission.

XXVII. No person shall be eligible for membership at the same time on more than one Board or Commission of the Convention which has to do with the administration of the funds of the Convention, but this provision shall not apply to the President of the Convention, or to the Executive Secretary of the Convention Board.

XXVIII. All business of the Convention shall be suspended for any time agreed upon by all committees selected by the Committee on Committees to do the work assigned to them so that all messengers may attend all sessions of the Convention.

XXIX. The minutes shall be read at the beginning of the session each day, and if not previously approved, they shall be approved and signed by the President and Recording Secretary just before the final adjournment of the Convention.

XXX. The Constitution and By-Laws and the members of all Boards and institutions shall be printed in the annual of the Convention.

XXXI. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority vote at any time, except upon the last day of the Convention, provided notice in writing shall be given the previous day.

II

We have appreciated reports of very courteous treatment to Mississippians who have gone to work in other states. Mississippi has reciprocated in fine spirit by again and again honoring brethren from other states who come into our work.

Right now Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville, a native of Alabama, is president of the Convention Board and chairman of the Executive Committee. He is a Christian statesman if we know one.

Rev. Fred B. Booker, a native of Louisiana, is Recording Secretary of the Convention Board and holds the same position with the Executive Committee. He is an "Israelite in whom there is no guile."

Dr. F. K. Horton, Clarksdale, one of the dynamic pastors of our state, is a native of Louisiana and a member of the Executive Committee. He is also one of the best.

Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, Grenada, is an

other one of our great hearted, successful pastors and a native of Texas, Texas, you know, is that country just west of the United States. Dr. Wiley has served on important committees, preached at the Evangelistic Conference, and is loved by the brethren.

Dr. Harry Leland Martin, Senatobia, has served as secretary of the Education Commission, served on many committees and in many conferences. He comes from Tennessee.

Dr. W. Landon Miller, Brookhaven, entertained and spoke to our Evangelistic Conference in his great church last year. He is another of the coming young preachers of America but has already arrived. He comes to us, I believe, from Tennessee.

Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus, is one of our most spiritual pastors and while having been in our state only a short while has already been called upon for outstanding service. He is from Tennessee.

The truth of the business is some of these brethren have been with us for such a long time and have so completely identified themselves with our work that many of our people think them native Mississippians. That is the way it should be!

There are others whom we might name but these brief words suggest what we have in mind.

III

The Sunday School Board cooperating with southwide promotion has prepared a special edition lesson leaflet on, "God, Man and Money." It is for use the last quarter of this year. Each Sunday School should order the number sufficient for local use. It contains some very valuable information on the subject of stewardship of substance.

IV

A little while ago we had a very fine letter from Mrs. Joe Germany, Philadelphia. She is one of those gracious Christian women who through the years has been faithful in her home life and her church life. She is the type that defends and strengthens the hands of the pastor. This we know from personal experience. In this recent letter she was expressing her appreciation. There is a verse we picked up in Vacation Bible School years ago and we have used it quite a bit. She said it had been a great blessing to her. The verse is, "A good thing to remember

And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang
And not with the wrecking crew."

There are railroad builders and there are train wreckers!

There are those who build a nation and then there are some who undermine it!

Jesus said, "I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18.)

There are some who will divide, despoil, and destroy the church!

Let us who are Christians be builders!

V

Byram Baptist Church, Brother Henry J. Bennett, pastor, is seeking some of its fine young men called into the ministry. Brother Arnold Hannaford is a senior at Mississippi College, student pastor, good song director and is available for either supply work or student pastorate. He may be contacted at Clinton, Mississippi. Brother Johnie Majors is in his first year at Mississippi College and is available for supply work or a rural church pastorate. He may be contacted by telephoning 5-2927, Jackson.

Rev. Hubert Lynch is another young ministerial student who may be contacted by phoning 5-0774, Jackson.

Brother H. A. Wilson, Sr., at Mississippi College, a mature student, is open for supply or pastoral work.

VI

The association year is about ended. The Convention year will soon come to a close. The ending of the church year is just ahead.

What is the record of your church?

To Teach At Miss. College



PROF. ALBERT T. SCROGGINS

To be added to the English and Journalism Departments will be Professor Albert T. Scroggins, who has been teaching in the University of Missouri. He has a Masters degree from that institution and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn.

It is not merely a question of having part but doing its best for Him who did His best for us. 2 Corinthians, chapters 8-9.

"Hear ye the Master's call, 'Give Me thy best!' For, be it great or small, That is His test. Do then the best you can, Not for reward, Not for the praise of man, But for the Lord. Every work for Jesus will be blest, But He asks from everyone His best. Our talents may be few, These may be small, But unto Him is due Our best, our all."

Some of our leaders are really working at the task. Witness the paragraph we now quote from Convention Board member, Pastor B. T. Bishop, Meadville, which was sent to all pastors of his association as follows:

"IMPORTANT

If you have not done so already, please send an offering to the Cooperative Program before Sept. 15. I shall be very happy as Moderator to see the names of every church in our Association on the list of Cooperative givers. I just know you will do this at the earliest possible date. Send your offering to Dr. D. A. McCall, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Please help us make our Association 100 per cent. Any amount will do. Be sure to send some. Thanking you for this fine work, I am

Your Moderator,
B. T. BISHOP

VII

KNOW YOUR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LIFE

By 1924 the Budget had been cut back to \$63,760.

In 1926 the Budget was raised to \$78,340.

In 1930 a budget division was set up—45 percent Southwide and 55 percent State. The state division as follows:

State Missions	18 %
Christian Education	28 3/4%
Orphanage	4 1/2%
Hospital—Jackson	2 %
Hospital—Memphis	1/2%
Ministerial Education	1 1/4%

In 1933 the depression was on and the State Mission Budget was set at \$21,000.

Mississippi Baptists were unable to pay the interest on bonds. They offered payment of 50 percent of interest coupons and the Convention's note for the remainder—payable in 1936.

Even during the depression a heroic Executive Committee is still aiding needy churches. Doxology!

During these years Dr. Gunter was making a real stand for evangelism and debt paying!

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Don't Take a Chance

Hosts of Baptist young people are entering college this month; many of them are leaving home for the first time. Readjustments will be difficult.

On the campus students will be conforming to a new environment and making acquaintances. More and bigger decisions await them than they have ever faced before. A new era will have dawned—an era that could mean far more than they—and far more than their parents realize.

It is amazing how many parents and local churches leave the spiritual welfare of their young people to chance. Many tragedies develop because no one seems to care.

The college pastor and Baptist Student Secretary earnestly seek to minister to the spiritual needs of the students. They become personally acquainted with many of the students. They see many come from Christian homes and active churches, and fail pitifully. Teeming hundreds are deepened in spiritual life by service in the local church. Some are won to Christ. Some become flaming torches for our Lord.

Your Responsibility

Local pastor, Sunday School teacher, Training Union worker, mother, dad: DON'T TAKE A CHANCE! If you are interested in the spiritual welfare of the student leaving your church, write that college-town pastor or, where there is one, the student secretary. Write NOW, before they lose the habit of attending church regularly. Tell the person you write about the young people you know that are coming his way. Tell him what they did back home and he will contact that student personally.

Urge your young people to join the college church and to "tie in" with the work of the Lord. Disaster sets in when drifting begins. If strong Christians are to be developed, there must be no gap in Christian service.

Mississippi Baptists have a sys-

tem of Baptist colleges that already have great potential strength. Competent and carefully trained Baptist student secretaries have been placed on their campuses, as well as on the campuses of many of the non-denominational schools, by the State Mission Board and the local college church. They are there to enlist and conserve Baptist young people.

If your young people are going to any of the following colleges you may write these student secretaries: Jones Junior College, Miss Norma Jean John, Ellisville, Mississippi Southern, Mr. Riley Munday, 404 S. 22nd Avenue, Hattiesburg; Ole Miss, Miss Marion Leavell, Oxford; MSCW, Miss Gwendolyn Boyett, First Baptist Church, Columbus; Mississippi State, S. A. Salter, Box 1221, State College; Mississippi College, Charles Tolbert, Clinton; Clarke College, Louie Farmer, Jr., Box 87, Newton; Perkinson Junior, Roy Brigance, Perkinson; Southwest Junior, Miss Beverly Hodges, Summit; Pearl River Junior, Miss Dora Etta Solomon, Box 54, Poplarville; Blue Mountain, Miss Helen Bolt, Blue Mountain; Woman's College, Miss Kathleen Taylor, Station B, Hattiesburg; Delta State, Roy Isbell, Cleveland; East Central Junior, Miss Margery Smith, Decatur; Sunflower Junior, Miss Nell Magee, Moorhead.

The student secretary, with the pastor and the student council, will work on until the last is contacted.

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October Nine To Be Laymen's Day

Laymen's Day in our churches is fast becoming one of the most universally observed special days among Southern Baptists. And the Brotherhoods of Mississippi under the leadership of Brotherhood Secretary W. R. Roberts are cooperating with the Southwide Brotherhood and Secretary Lawson H. Cook on making the coming Laymen's Day the best ever. Sunday, October 9 is the day for the observance of Laymen's Day. Secretary Roberts is emphasizing the fact that the laymen do not want the pastors to relinquish their pulpits, but rather to use this special day as an occasion to deliver challenging messages aimed at filling the hearts of men who will be encouraged to fill the pews.

Mr. Roberts is asking the pastors throughout the state to take the leadership in making this special day one that will be long remembered. He suggests the following church-centered activities for this special day:

1. Urge men to teach every class in the Sunday School from the Junior Departments through

the Adult Departments, particularly the boys' and men's classes.

2. Urge men to fill the choir and render special music at both morning and evening worship hours.

3. Let the men take part in devotional exercises of the worship services by giving testimonies on stewardship of life, talents, and money.

4. Invite the men to literally fill the pews.

5. Get the men to sponsor radio broadcasts in every city in which there is a radio station.

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Inform The People

(With apologies to Editor H. H. McGinty of the Missouri Word And Way.)

Within the next few weeks the majority of our churches will be planning their budgets for the next year. When carefully picked budget committees hit down to consider the wisest distribution of the anticipated church funds, the predominant question will be, "How can these funds be used most effectively for our local, statewide and world-wide Kingdom program?"

May we suggest a most important item: Use some of these funds to give the people information. Knowing well the value of information, practically every institution, trade or industry in every land has its printed medium for informing its constituency. These cost money but it is recognized that their value exceeds the cost to the point of making them a good investment.

Information is particularly important in our Baptist program of work. If our people are to be enlisted, it must be voluntary on their part. People usually are not interested in causes about which they know little; they do not give their money blindly. But, having been informed and convinced, they will give and work with a remarkable degree of sacrifice.

There is only one place to get the facts about our Mississippi Baptist program. That place is the Mississippi Baptist state paper, the Baptist Record. All of our causes and institutions have their publications, but each is concerned primarily with its own interests. The Baptist Record purposes to correlate the interests of all objects in our Program. It is a far-reaching program and its success must wait upon the efforts of an informed people.

We suggest, therefore, that in the planning of annual budgets our churches will be wise if they include an amount to cover the cost of sending the Baptist Record to the families agreed on by the

church. The idea is to send the paper into every home where there is a resident member. Certainly all the deacons and other officers, the teachers, sponsors, and leaders should have their state Baptist paper. They give their time and service to the church; this is an instrument of helpfulness which the church can give them, just as the church supplies Sunday school, Training Union, and other literature.

Informed Baptists do more and give more than uninformed Baptists.

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A Thoughtful Church

No reader of the Baptist Record can fail to know that the editor of the Baptist Record is the friend of the pastor. In fact we try to be the friend of everyone.

Another class of workers for whom we have been plugging is the other paid workers of our churches.

In other words, we have urged our churches to be considerate of the pastors and of the other paid workers as well.

In this connection we want to commend the First Church of Hattiesburg for doing some of the things we have suggested.

On Sunday night, July 19, at the close of the preaching service, the church sponsored a surprise church-wide reception for their educational director, Rev. Cecil Lea and his wife. At the close of the reception Bruce Aultman, superintendent of the Sunday school, presented Mr. Lea with a check for \$534.

Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Lea greatly appreciated the thoughtfulness and appreciation of First Church, Hattiesburg, and they will work none the less because of this very fine gesture.

More work would be done and a greater spirit of understanding would prevail, if churches would take the time now and then to show in some way their appreciation for the workers that serve them.

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Mt. Zion, Lincoln, Has VBS

A Vacation Bible School was held at Mt. Zion Church in Lincoln County with an average attendance of 86. Mrs. Elton Barlow, wife of the pastor, served as principal.

The faculty included Mrs. Hugh Nettles, Mrs. J. W. Kimble, Mrs. Homer Britt, Mrs. Wardell Britt, Mrs. Denver Britt, Mrs. Rance Ratcliff, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Alonzo Smith, Pearl Allen, Paul Thompson, and Mrs. Frank Lowery.

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SUPERINTENDENT W. G. MIZE reports that the orphanage recently received \$1219 from the estate of the late J. R. Coleman of Memphis. Mr. Coleman was a Mississippian and formerly lived in Yalobusha County. The same amount was also given to the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis and to the Tennessee Baptist Orphanage.

Sparks & Splinters

A FINE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST GIRL, a student of Mississippi College in 1949 is interested in doing church educational work. Any church interested in this young lady may address The Baptist Record and the letter will be forwarded to her.

A REVIVAL WILL BE HELD AT Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County, during the week beginning Sept. 18. The visiting preacher will be Rev. John I. Hill, pastor of the First Church of Union. Both morning and evening services will be held.

DR. JOHN E. BARNES, JR., PASTOR of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, preached in the revival meeting at First Church, Hazelhurst, during the week of September 4. According to the Main Street Bulletin there were 26 additions to the church, 12 by baptism and 11 young people surrendering their lives for full time Christian service and there were three rededications.

DR. IRA EAVENSON OF MARKS did the preaching in the revival at Curtis, where Rev. J. E. Tramel is the pastor. Twelve were added to the church.

PLEASE BE PATIENT. THE BAPTIST Record has on hand a large number of articles both long and short. So if your article does not appear as soon as you expect it, be as lenient with us as you can. We will get it in as soon as possible. Some articles have already waited six months.

A CLASS OF 17 NEGRO MINISTERS have enrolled in the Extension Department of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee, to be taught in Fort Smith, Arkansas, by Dr. Braxton B. Sawyer, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Dr. Sawyer will teach the class two nights weekly but will receive no pay, either from the Seminary or from the students.

THE LETTER OF THE FIRST Church, Holly Springs, to the 1949 meeting of the Marshall County Association was one of the best in years. The letter reported 51 additions to the church, 25 by baptism and total contributions of \$24,738. Of this amount, \$6,728 went to missions. The present membership is 650 and there are 265 tithees.

THE FIRST CHURCH, MOULTRIE, Ga., really celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. R. C. Gresham. A beautiful booklet on very high grade paper was published telling of the growth of the church during the pastorate of Dr. Gresham and also giving much of the history of the church since its organization. It is evident that the people of Moultrie Baptist and otherwise are in love with Dick Gresham.

REV. CLYDE L. DAVIS, PASTOR, and the Alta Woods Church of Jackson have helped The Baptist Record along in its effort to increase the circulation. Recently the pastor brought in an addition list of 24 names. Other churches please take notice.

REV. AND MRS. CHARLES W. WHITTEN are the proud parents of an eight and one-half pound girl. She has been named Helen Frances. Mrs. Whitten is the former Nela Deane Mitchell who was field worker with the Training Union Department before her marriage to the Rev. Mr. Whitten. They now serve as missionaries in Argentina. Their address is San Martin 320, Godoy Cruz Mendoza, Argentina, South America.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LESINSKI of the House Committee on Education and Labor has dissolved the four subcommittees, including the education subcommittee headed by Rep. Graham A. Barden. Lesinski, a Roman Catholic, has assailed Rep. Barden because his bill did not provide funds for parochial school assistance.

THE FAIRYLAND KINDERGARTEN of the First Baptist Church of Biloxi had 74 children enrolled the first week of the fall session.

CONCORD CHURCH, CHOCTAW County, has recently purchased new Broadman Hymnals and now has for sale at one-half price 40 Songs of Faith. They are in good shape. Write Rev. H. W. Freeman, Ackerman, of any church that would like to have these books, or you may mention them in The Record. We will take half price for them and they are in good shape. Will appreciate your assistance in this. Blessings upon you and your work.

DR. H. H. HARGROVE, pastor of Coggins Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas, and a native of Mississippi, recently led a revival campaign in the First Church of De Leon, Texas. There were twenty additions, fifteen by baptism.

CORINTH CHURCH, SIMPSON COUNTY, recently won the Training Union Attendance and Efficiency banner and due to the fact that it has been won three times consecutively, the banner becomes the permanent trophy of Corinth Church. Rev. W. J. Hemby is the pastor and Mrs. Walter Varner is Training Union Director.

DR. TED R. CLARK HAS RESIGNED the pastorate of the McAdams Church and has accepted a full time teaching position in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as Assistant Professor of Theology.

DR. HOWARD P. COLSON, HEAD of the Baptist Chair of the Bible in connection with the University of Missouri, has been elected an editorial associate by the Sunday School Board. He will edit Sunday school lessons for adults. Rev. Donald F. Ackland, Longview, Texas, connected with editorial work in England for many years, has been assigned Dr. Clifton J. Allen for special writing and editorial work.

TREASURY OF GOSPEL GEMS, Vol. VI (\$2.50) compiled by Theodore W. Engstrom is a valuable collection of sermon outlines, telling incidents, choice illustrations and suitable poems, which will be helpful to those seeking to preach the Word. Orders should be sent to the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

DR. JOHN LAKE, MISSIONARY TO China from 1903 to his retirement in 1939, died August 28. He founded the Tai Kam leper colony, south of Hong Kong.

GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE in the construction of the three new buildings on the campus at Blue Mountain College—the Garrett Hall of Fine Arts, the Jennie Stevens Residence Hall and the power and heating plant. The new Moller organ donated by D. H. Hall of New Albany and his family has already been installed and will be used in the opening exercises.

REV. W. J. HEMBY HAS MOVED from Clinton to Mendenhall in order to be near his field of work. He is pastor of Jupiter, Athens and Corinth Churches, all near Mendenhall. Mr. Hemby recently graduated from Mississippi College.

QUIET OFTEN THE BAPTIST RECORD receives cuts which have been run in other papers with the request that they be used in The Baptist Record. Sometimes these cuts fit and sometimes they do not. The column widths of various papers are not always the same. Anyone planning to send a cut to be used in The Record should measure the cut with a copy of The Baptist Record or send the photograph so that a cut of the proper size can be made.

DURING THE RECENT REVIVAL at the First Church, Greenville, Tennessee, there were fifty-four additions, forty-three by baptism. The pastor, Rev. O. C. Cooper, a Mississippian, did the preaching. Lee H. Baum of Memphis had charge of the singing. Mr. Baum plays the vibraphone, organ or piano and also organizes children's choirs for meetings. Pastor Cooper also enlisted the young people of the town in soul winning day by day.

DR. W. A. KEEL ACCEPTS TAYLORSVILLE PASTORATE



DR. W. A. KEEL

Dr. William A. Keel, a native of Lafayette County, has accepted the pastorate of the Taylorville Church. He succeeds Rev. T. L. Coulter, who recently became pastor of the Bassfield Church. Dr. Keel is a 1922 graduate of Mississippi College and a Ph.D. graduate of the Southern Seminary at Louisville. He has held pastorates in Georgia and Tennessee and was head of the Bible Department at Mercer University (S. C.), Carson-Newman College (Tenn.), and at Union University (Tenn.).

Soon after coming to Taylorville Dr. Keel led the church in a revival. There were ten additions, with an average attendance of 200 at the 7 a. m. service. The prayer meeting attendance averages almost 100, out of a membership of 460.

Mrs. Keel is the former Birdie Viola Durham, of Pineville, La. She is also a graduate of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville.

The Keels have three sons: Bill, Jr., a graduate of Journalism from the University of Tennessee, is a reporter for the Knoxville Journal; Pinckney is a Junior at Mississippi College, and David is a freshman in the high school at Taylorsville.

Mrs. Keel taught Domestic Science at Clinton High School during Dr. Keel's student days at Mississippi College.

Dr. Keel is in wide demand as an evangelist and has been quite successful in that field.

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PRE-SESSION EXTRA-CURRICULAR activities have already begun at Blue Mountain College, the 77th annual session of which began Sept. 13. The religious retreat sponsored by the Baptist Student Union was held at Darden Lake near New Albany on September 10, which was attended by the members of the Baptist Student Union Council. September 13th orientation program of the college took place and registration began Wednesday. Thursday, September 15 the opening address will be given in the morning by Dr. Glen Eric Wiley of Grenada, and instruction will begin in the afternoon.

TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM and designated receipts for 1949 through the Executive Committee through August were \$7,080,852, compared with \$6,514,743.03 for the same period in 1948.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RURAL Life Conference, meeting in Burlington, Vt., heard that 60 per cent of the Roman Catholics in New York City never attend mass. It was also reported that only 5,000 of the 70,000 villages in the U. S. are served by a priest, and only 10,000 of the 150,000 rural churches are Roman Catholic.

40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

The Pittsboro Church closed a ten-day meeting resulting in 14 being added by baptism and three by letter. Pastor J. R. Summer was aided by Rev. M. K. Thornton.

Pastor W. L. Hargis reports two meetings: Providence Church in Yalobusha County resulting in three for baptism, one by letter and one restored, Rev. J. F. Ray assisting. Spring Hill in the same association with Brother Ray assisting resulted in 12 for baptism.

25 YEARS AGO

Mt. Olive Church, Amite County, closed a meeting with four additions. Pastor J. W. Mayfield was assisted by Rev. J. P. Harrington of Crystal Springs.

Pastor Thos. L. Wooton did the preaching in his church at Bogue Chitto, assisted by Singer Paul W. Whitaker and the Dement Quartet of the B. B. L., resulting in 18 for baptism and 21 by letter.

The Beach Grove Church, Claiborne County, had 15 additions from a meeting in which Pastor T. G. Polk was assisted by Rev. T. J. Latimer.

The Hope Church, Neshoba County, experienced a genuine revival during which Pastor R. L. Breland could not be present, but Rev. H. W. Shirley of Philadelphia carried on with the result that 13 were baptized and nine came by letter.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY WILL OFFER graduate courses in religious journalism for the first time in 1949. The curriculum, under the direction of Dr. Roland E. Wolsey, was planned at the request of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OAK Grove Church in Yazoo Association enjoyed a social on September 2. Rev. Clarence Bute, pastor and Mississippi College students, gave a chalk-talk.

BELLEVUE, MEMPHIS, IS PLANNING a new auditorium to seat 3,000. The cost is about \$900,000. Robert G. Lee is the pastor.

WORD HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED that Rev. and Mrs. James A. Clark have been appointed as missionaries for Africa and they hope to sail within a month. Mr. Clark is a native of Decatur and Mrs. Clark is the former Joyce Vanesol of Pasigao.

UNION CHURCH IN PIKE COUNTY has received the Attendance Banner which is given each year to the church with the largest representation at the Pike County Sunday School meeting.

REV. A. ESTUS MASON, PASTOR of Southside Church, Meridian, led the summer revival at County Line Church, Crystal Springs, where Rev. Richard J. Sweetman is pastor. There were five added to the church, three by baptism.

THERE ARE TWO FORD PARKERS. In a recent article concerning the death of Rev. A. C. Parker it was stated that he was the father of Rev. Ford Parker of Magee. He was the father of Ford Parker of Laurel and not of Rev. Ford Parker of Magee.

THE CHOIR HERALD PUBLISHED by the Lorenz Publishing Company, 501 East Third Street, Dayton 1, Ohio, is a monthly musical magazine furnishing an anthem for every Sunday of the year. The price is twenty cents per copy, \$1.75 per year or \$1.25 for clubs of ten or more.

BETHEL CHURCH IN SUNFLOWER County held a revival August 14-19 in which Rev. C. C. Caraway of Boyle did the preaching. There were 16 additions, 12 on profession. Rev. L. F. Fowler is the pastor.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

GRENADA COUNTY ASSOCIATION



Grenada County Association opened the association season by re-electing the officers. Shown above, left to right, are Dr. G. E. Wiley, moderator and Rev. R. B. Smith, vice-moderator.

One of the three associations opening the 1949 association season was the Grenada County Association which met with Hardy church on September 6.

All officers were re-elected. They were: Dr. G. E. Wiley, moderator; Rev. R. B. Smith, vice-moderator and Mrs. Charles Willis, clerk and treasurer.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Guy Futrell, pastor of Holcomb church and a student at Mississippi College. It was well delivered, inspiring and helpful.

The Hardy people are justly proud of their new church building which would do honor to a town many times the size of Hardy.

Dr. Wiley kept the meeting moving and was able to give everybody an excellent hearing. The reports were well-prepared.

Baptist Record readers in Grenada county are now listed as follows: Bethel, 23; Graysport, 11; Grenada, 158; Hardy, 25; Holcomb, 28; Pleasant Grove, 15; Providence, 1; Hebron, 45.

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION



Lafayette County Baptists re-elected their former officers for the 1949 session. Shown above, left to right, are: Moderator P. A. Waller and I. F. Hudson, clerk.

September 6 was opening day for the 1949 association season in Mississippi. Lafayette County Association was one of the three to meet on that date.

Historic Clear Creek church, seven miles west of Oxford, was the entertaining church. A large crowd was in attendance for the excellent program which had been prepared by the committee.

Officers were elected as follows: P. A. Waller, moderator (re-elected) and

I. F. Hudson, clerk and treasurer (re-elected).

The dinner was up to the usual high standard of Lafayette county.

The 1950 meeting will be held with the Anchor church.

Rev. Robert Martin, pastor of the First church, Batesville, also serves as pastor of Clear Creek Church, preaching for them every Sunday afternoon.

Several pastors expressed interest in the EVERY FAMILY plan. (We had been given a good place on the program.) And promised to send lists in the near future.

Record readers are now listed as follows: Clear Creek, 40; Abbeville, 1; Anchor, 1; Bethel, 1; DeLay, 21; New Hope, 1; New Prospect, 51; Oxford, 73; Paris, 11; Shiloh 22; Taylor, 19; Union West, 35; Yellow Leaf, 6; Philadelphia, 3; Harmony, 1.

TIPPAH COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tippah County Association met with Fellowship church, Rev. E. S. Hall, pastor, on September 7. The Fellowship saints have a nice brick building with a large auditorium and wings for Sunday school rooms. The dinner was fit for a king and, so far as we could see, nobody was on a diet.

A new church, Cedar Mound was received into the association. Rev. R. L. Baldwin of Dumas, Route 1, is the pastor.

Rev. George Gay, moderator, made a good presiding officer and proved himself an excellent planner as he tried to fit all the visitors into the program.

We were given an excellent place on the program to present the merits of the Baptist Record and according to several pastors, there will be some new EVERY FAMILY lists in the near future.

Tippah county Record readers are now listed as follows: Academy, 32; Blue Mountain, 140; Chalybeate, 52; Falkner, 90; Fellowship, 37; Graham's Chapel, 5 Harmony, 50; Palmer, 24; Pine Grove, 31; Providence, 44; Ripley, 124; Tiplersville, 52; Walnut, 47; Concord, 9; Mt. Moriah, 3.

MARSHALL ASSOCIATION

The Marshall County Association held its annual session with Byhalia Church on September 8. Rev. Howard H. Aultman proved to be an excellent moderator. He was able to stick closely to the program and yet get in several state workers.

The Baptist Record editor was given a good place on the afternoon program and more than one pastor said he hoped soon to have the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan in operation.

Rev. M. C. Whitten is pastor of the Byhalia church. They have recently completed an educational annex at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The auditorium has also been redecorated. The dinner was all that anyone could wish and the Byhalia saints proved themselves excellent hosts.

Marshall county Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethany, 4; Byhalia, 41; Cornersville, 1; Holly Springs, 187; Pleasant Grove, 17; Potts Camp, 31; Red Banks, 1; Slayden, 48.

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WANTED: THE BAPTIST RECORD wants to know who has attended the most meetings of the State Convention. Plans are being made to honor the person with the record of attending the most Conventions. Send name and number of years to the Editor of the Baptist Record, Jackson, Mississippi.



Shown above is the sign on the highway near Columbia advertising the fact that Cedar Grove Church is nearby.

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CENTRAL MISS. PASTORS MEET AT BAPTIST BLDG. L. C. Hoff Is New President

The Central Mississippi Pastor's Conference met in the Baptist Building in Jackson on Monday morning, September 12 with the new president, Rev. L. C. Hoff of Florence presiding. It was one of the most constructive programs ever presented to this conference. Rev. Nolan Kennedy of Clinton introduced Mr. J. T. Grantham, executive assistant of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and Miss Edna LaBoose, a student nurse at the hospital, who brought an inspirational program on the ministry to the sick. Miss LaBoose brought her personal Christian testimony which was an inspiration to every pastor present.

The Central Mississippi Pastor's Conference meets on Tuesday following the second Sunday of every month and every pastor in Hinds, Warren, Rankin, Simpson, Yazoo, Holmes, Copiah and Madison Counties, as well as other visitors, have a hearty welcome awaiting them in attendance on these meetings.

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Coldwater And Duncan Report Revivals, VBS

Coldwater and Duncan Churches, where Rev. F. V. McFatridge is the pastor, held Vacation Bible Schools and revivals during the summer months. In the VBS at Coldwater 63 were enrolled, and at Duncan 68 were enrolled.

Rev. C. S. Cadwallader, of Duback, La., was the evangelist in the revival at Duncan, and also led the singing for the entire week. There were 13 additions, 7 for baptism.

In the Coldwater revival, Rev. E. L. Byrd, of Meridian, did the preaching. There were five additions, four for baptism, making a total of ten for baptism since June. The music was under the direction of Mrs. John F. Gilliland.

Both churches have made physical improvements. Duncan has installed an organ and Coldwater has installed two sets of modernfold doors and five window fans.

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Baptists Have Only Church In Western Atomic Center

LOS ALAMOS, N. Mex.—(BP)—Baptists in this new atomic energy center of 10,000 have the only church in the community. Organized two years ago it was only recently granted land upon which to build a house of worship.

The church has had phenomenal growth, according to Editor Lewis A. Myers of the Baptist New Mexican and has recently begun the operation of a mission in the White Rock suburban area, a community that will eventually have 3,000 families.

30 CUBAN CHURCHES

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Bible study, inspiration, and recreation. The daily schedule included studies in religious education, stewardship, music, and evangelism. More than ninety pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers enrolled for the classes.

At the conclusion of the Institute the pastors and workers of the Havana Province voted to engage in simultaneous revivals December 4-18 and invited Dr. C. Y. Dossey, Assistant Secretary of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, to direct the crusade and to preach at First Church, Hayana. Dr. Herbert Caudill, who recently received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Mercer University and who supervises all of the work in Cuba, was elected chairman.

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

(Continued from Page One)

task is growing some lighter, but must go on for years.

Reconstruction means rehabilitation of Baptist churches and institutions. At least 100 Baptist church buildings were destroyed in Germany alone by the war. About 100 more in other countries. It will take at least two generations to restore them—if there is no more war! Dr. Lewis advocates a program whereby Baptists of the world, working through our Alliance, can underwrite specific projects, such as rebuilding one church in Munich, one in Stuttgart, and so on.

The Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, reconstructed largely through Baptist money flowing through the Alliance, opened again last autumn. At Kassel, a Baptist publishing house is being rebuilt.

Refugees? What a heart-breaking problem! First, there are the displaced persons, who fear to go back to Communist-dominated countries. There are many Baptists among them. Some are being sent to America.

"But we Baptists have not given them sufficient attention," says Lewis. "We must urge Congress to admit more of them, and we must find work and homes for them."

Then there are the millions of persons of many nationalities, called "ethnic" Germans, who were uprooted from their homes and dragged over into Germany. This mad act of racial vengeance, sponsored by Soviet Russia and approved by the U. S. Government through the tragic Potsdam agreement, constitutes a crime against humanity which challenges the healing ministry of Baptists and other Christians everywhere. The Alliance has begun several projects looking toward alleviating the wretched conditions of these people.

Thus our Baptist World Alliance strengthens the ties of our fellowship across the obsolete boundaries of the nations.

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THE 1950 MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION will be held February 1, 2 and 3 at the First Church, Meridian. Dr. W. L. Howse, Southwestern Seminary, will be the featured speaker. He will offer helpful suggestions regarding the problems and promotion of our present day program and will set forth the trends as to the future of religious education. This meeting is open to all who are doing full-time work in some phase of religious education. The churches would do well to send everyone of their full time workers to this annual meeting.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
Box 530 - Phone 3-9106 - Jackson
MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

On Wednesday, August 31, Mrs. Joyce Mansker's father, Dell Small Collins, was buried from the Tree-wallow Funeral Home in Winona. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her and her loved ones in their great sorrow.

ASSOCIATION TIME
IS AT HAND

There will no doubt be an all-out effort made by the liquor lords to legalize hard liquor in Mississippi during the next legislature. It was the cooperation of hundreds of citizens over the state that helped to win the victory for the dries in the last session of the legislature. One way that we can help tremendously in the crusade before us is to take some definite action in the associations and set up some sort of a committee to work on this matter. We have requested that a temperance committee be set up in every association composed of one interested worker from each church in the association. Several of the associations have done this, and we are corresponding with these. If all of the associations will do the same, it will give us the set up reaching into the churches for this campaign. If we stem the tide in the

coming session of the legislature, it is going to take the cooperation of the Christian people over the state.

FACTS OF INTEREST

During a four and one-half year period in the early forties, 250 million bushels of wholesome grain were wasted in beer-making alone. Millions of people were starving around the world. Our own people could not get enough sugar to meet the needs in their homes while one hundred thousand tons of sugar and syrups were used annually in making beer.

Billy Sunday said, "To license liquor, such an incarnate fiend of hell, is the dirtiest, low down, damnable business on the top side of this old earth; there is nothing to be compared with it."

HORSE RACING

It is reported that the 1948 horse racing racket totaled more than \$6,000,000,000. Twenty-six million customers attended the parks. They paid about \$36,000,000 to get into the tracks and the great sum of \$1,800,000,000 into the betting machines. It is also estimated that illegal bookmakers outside the tracks handled \$4,500,000,000 in bets. Horse racing therefore amounted to \$6,300,000,000.

854 Enrolled As
Miss. College Opens

CLINTON — The opening of the 124th Session of Mississippi College was an inspiring session in the new Nelson Hall Chapel. Approximately 1,000 people heard President D. M. Nelson bring the opening address of the session. At the time of this Chapel service the official registration was 854. The faculty and staff of this session includes 75 members.

Dr. Nelson challenged the incoming students with a charge to live up to the potentialities and possibilities which life has given them. He emphasized the potential growth and development of a human being and sought to give the students a truer conception of what hard work, study, and spiritual goal-setting can mean to life development. President Nelson cited examples in the lives of the Apostle Paul, Livingston, and Thomas A. Edison.

The student body was much impressed with President Nelson's timely warning that neither this life nor Heaven was a place of rest. Additional emphasis was placed upon the "service" element as over against the "reward" element in life.

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BAYOU MASON AND RICHLAND
Madison Associations in Northeast Louisiana joined in a simultaneous revival campaign under the direction of C. Y. Dossey, assistant secretary of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, July 24-August 7. There were 659 additions to the churches; 451 being on profession of faith and as candidates for baptism. 107 rededicated their lives. This is strictly a rural district, no church has an educational director or assistant pastor. Many of the churches are one fourth or one-half time.

FIRST CHURCH, CRYSTAL SPRINGS
has adopted a budget for the coming year of \$56,000 and voted to increase gifts to the co-operative program from 50 per cent to 33 1-3 per cent.

Proposed Western
Assembly Surveyed

SANTA FE, N. M.—(RNS)—A committee headed by Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Nashville, executive secretary of the Sunday school board, began a complete survey of the denomination's proposed Western Assembly site near Glorieta, N. M.

The proposed site, an 880-acre ranch not far from Santa Fe, was purchased by the New Mexico Baptist Convention and deeded to the Southern Baptist Convention to be used as an assembly ground similar to the Ridgecrest, N. C. plant.

Plans call for an auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,000 and provisions for housing and feeding the same number. When completed, the auditorium is expected to be the largest in the state.

The Rev. Clint Irwin, pastor of the Santa Fe First church and president of the Glorieta Assembly, said he expected actual construction would begin as soon as possible after the Convention's annual meeting in Chicago next May. At that time the survey committee will make its report.

Serving with Dr. Holcomb on the committee are Dr. H. P. Stagg, executive secretary of the New Mexico Baptist Convention; the Rev. Phillip McGahey of Albuquerque; and John Cole of Ft. Sumner, N. M.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
Crystal Springs has voted to give \$1,000 to Wesson to aid them in building their new church. Brookhaven and Hazlehurst have already made gifts for the same purpose and other churches are responding favorably.

WHITE AND NEGRO CHURCHES
seem to be evenly numbered in Tippah County. Rev. C. S. Wales reports that there are 27 white Baptist churches and 27 negro Baptist churches in that county.

First, Laurel Calls
McKibbens As Pastor

REV. T. R. MCKIBBENS

The First Church, Laurel, has called as pastor the Rev. T. R. McKibbens, who will begin his work on October 1, coming from the pastorate of First Church, Roanoke, Alabama, where he has served for seven years. He succeeds, Dr. James W. Parrish, who resigned to accept the pastorate of Riverside Church, Miami, Florida, his home state.

Mr. McKibbens is a graduate of Howard College and of the Southern Seminary. Mrs. McKibbens, also a native of Alabama, is a graduate of Howard College and of the W. M. U. Training School. They have two boys, ages eight and three.

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ANNIE L. BAGBY CLINIC
NEEDS HELP NOW

By HARLEY SMITH, Missionary

More than a half century ago Annie Luther Bagby and her husband, Dr. William Buck Bagby left Texas for Brazil. God led them in His own marvelous way. It was here that the Bagby's began their work of Evangelization of Brazil. In Rio they were instrumental in winning Thomas da Costa, first Secretary of Foreign Missions for Brazil, Teodoro Teixeira, Editor of Jornal Batista and F. F. Sorren, so long pastor of the First Church of Rio.

Annie Luther Bagby was always outstanding and most efficient in personal soul winning and in her untiring help of the needy. In my opinion she was one of the most remarkable women missionaries that Southern Baptist have ever sent out.

In view of the above characteristics and in view of the most urgent needs of the people here a few of us have begun a Baptist Clinic which we call the "ANNIE LUTHER BAGBY BAPTIST CLINIC." It is like all the other institutions of this nature—borned in need, serving the needy. We have served almost one hundred people in one way or another since beginning this work. There are many more calls than we are able to serve.

The institution will not build itself. Some willing hands must and will do it. Won't you be one to help with something definite today?

Please send offerings to me or to Alice Bagby Smith, Box 118, Porto Alegre, Brazil, South America. We need \$2,000 most urgently in the next twenty days. If you do not have money send a book or Bible and let us sell it for the ANNIE LUTHER BAGBY BAPTIST CLINIC. SHE IS YOURS TO HONOR AS WELL AS MINE. LOST MEN ARE YOURS AS WELL AS MINE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING

UNION ATTENDANCE

September 11, 1949

Jackson, First	1,371	448
Jackson, Calvary	1,225	268
Calvary Mission	34	28
Jackson, North Side	494	157
Jackson, Parkway	769	250
Parkway Chapel	96	45
Jackson, Van Winkle	458	207
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	324	134
Hardy	85	84
Shady Grove	126	144
(Georgia County)	189	104
Rawls Springs	175	170
(Lebanon Association)	426	162
Laurel, Second Ave.	515	108
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	866	235
Hattiesburg, Main St.	867	248
Columbus, First	789	171
Brookhaven, First	104	76
Hamilton Street Chapel	112	72
Wallerlville	130	64
Center (Union County)	170	89
Houlika	103	52
Glenfield (Union County)	56	48
Cherry Creek	103	41
(Pontotoc County)	86	53
Popular Springs	94	101
(Simpson County)	170	126
East Columbia	616	172
Carson	467	130
Providence	819	122
Laurel, First	570	207
West Laurel	89	48
Grenada, First	161	83
Kosciusko, First	410	161
Brooklyn	664	220
Paul Truitt Memorial	339	123
Lucedale	598	227
Hebron (Jones County)	61	30
Crystal Springs	98	96
Evergreen (Winston County)	177	90
Corinth, Tate Street	48	87
Pascagoula, First	101	69
Eastlawn Mission	82	103
Chapel No. 2	48	103
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	45	62
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	70	59
Holly Springs	89	39
(Lincoln County)	109	86
Goss	124	141
Friendship (Lincoln County)	178	141
Centreville	101	114
Ruth	103	109
East McComb	138	97
Delay	82	87
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	45	62
Darling	70	50
Chalybeate	89	59
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	76	39
Union (Pearl River County)	109	86
Center Church	178	141
(Union County)	120	109
Lucedale	140	95
Friendship (Pike County)	69	57
Glenfield	217	91
Gulfport, First	106	65
Cherry Creek	180	66
(Pontotoc County)	120	51
Paul Truitt	55	61
Union (Alcorn Association)	59	67
Goss	165	88
Paynes	97	77
Mt. Zino (Lincoln County)	175	170
Rawls Springs	101	87
(Lebanon Association)	120	106

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REJOICE AND SING IS A COLLECTION of easy two-part anthems and songs for children's and young people's choirs, with optional parts for tenor and bass. Edited by Ira B. Wilson and published by the Lorenz Publishing Company, 501 East Third Street, Dayton 1, Ohio, the price is eighty cents per copy.

THE VOLUNTEER CHOIR IS A monthly musical magazine published by the Lorenz Publishing Company, 501 East Third Street, Dayton 1, Ohio. It contains very easy anthems for amateur choirs. Single subscriptions are \$1.50 per year. Single copies are fifteen cents. Ten copies or more are \$1.10 per year or sixty cents per six months.

Library And Visual Aid Conference Program Complete

Plans have been completed for the Church Library and Audio-Visual Aids Conferences to be held September 19, 20 and 21 at Jackson, Hattiesburg and Grenada, according to Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the Baptist Book Store at Jackson.

Out-of-state speakers include Miss Florida Waite, Earl Waldrup and Dr. William J. Fallis, all of the Baptist Sunday School Board staff, Nashville, Tenn.

The program follows:

CHURCH LIBRARY AND AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS CONFERENCES

Monday, September 19, 1949

Jackson, Mississippi
Morning Session

10:30-11:00—Registration.
11:00-11:15—Music and Meditation—Reid Moore and Dr. G. Norman Price, "Our Best in Prayer."
11:15-11:30—Welcome from Baptist Book Store—Mrs. O. M. Jones. Welcome from Host Church—Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.
11:30-11:40—Response to Welcome—Miss Betty Barrell.
11:40-11:50—Announcements.

11:50-12:00—Special Music—Reid Moore.
12:00-12:30—Introducing the Workshops—Miss Florida Waite and Mr. Earl Waldrup.

Afternoon Session

1:45-2:00—Music and Meditation—Harris Shinn and Rev. W. L. Compere, "Our Best in Effort."

2:00-2:15—Promoting Circulation in Church Libraries—Mrs. E. A. Currey.

2:15-2:30—Promoting Audio-Visual Aids in the Church—Shelby Rogers.

2:30-2:40—Recess.

2:40-3:40—Church Library Workshop—Miss Florida Waite.

3:40-3:45—Special Music—Harris Shinn.

3:45-4:45—Audio-Visual Aids Workshop—Earl Waldrup.

5:00-6:30—Tea and Tour of the Baptist Book Store.

Evening Session

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, presiding
7:15-7:35—Music and Meditation—Rev. S. W. Valentine and Dr. Harold Basden, "Our Best Surrendered."

7:35-7:55—Choices, Good, Better, Best—Dr. William P. Davis.

7:55-8:10—The Best From Books—Miss Florida Waite.

8:10-8:15—Congregational Song.

8:15-8:30—The Best From Audio-Visual Aids—Earl Waldrup.

8:30-8:40—Special Music—Onis Wells.

8:40-9:15—Message—Dr. William J. Fallis.

Tuesday, September 20, 1949

Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Morning Session

10:30-11:00—Registration.
11:00-11:15—Music and Meditation—Cecil Lea and Rev. J. C. Murphy, "Our Best in Prayer."

11:15-11:25—Welcome—Dr. John Barnes.

11:25-11:35—Response to Welcome—Miss Elizabeth Pickering.

11:35-12:00—Announcements.

12:00-12:30—Introducing the Workshops—Miss Waite and Mr. Waldrup.

Afternoon Session

1:45-2:00—Music and Meditation—Cecil Lea and Mrs. J. H. Street, "Our Best in Effort."

2:00-2:20—Choices—Good, Better, Best—Dr. William P. Davis.

2:20-2:35—We Have Tried in Our Library—Miss Julia Mae Martin.

2:35-2:50—We Have Tried With Visual Aids—S. G. Ray.

2:50-3:00—Recess.

3:00-4:00—Church Library Work Shop—Miss Florida Waite.

4:00-5:00—Audio-Visual Aids Work Shop



Shown above is the attractive sign on Highway 16 directing people to Clarke Venable Memorial Church, Decatur.

AMONG RECENT VISITOR IN THE office of The Baptist Record were: Miss Martha Rackley, Fontotoc; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, McComb; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Mrs. Albert Packer and Miss Lucille Packer, Jackson; Rev. J. P. Bush, Weir; Harold M. Bowman, Lexington, Kentucky; Pat Sellers, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. F. Tanner, Clinton; Rev. Roy M. Rector, Clinton; Dr. W. L. Howse, Jacksonville, Fla.; Al Hughes, Jackson; Rev. Roe Wilson, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. W. J. Hembry, Mendenhall; Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Howell, Mrs. R. E. Abernathy and Janet, and Mrs. J. M. McKenzie, Foxworth; Rev. James L. Lawrence, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Lena; Rev. James Fancher, Rev. Billy Fancher, and Rev. Fred Williams, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Harold C. Clover, Ossyka; Mrs. Ray Chapman, Crystal Springs.

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IT REQUIRES THREE BOOKS TO run a church; the Bible, the Song book, and the pocketbook.

—Earl Waldrup.
Evening Session
Dr. John Barnes, presiding
7:15-7:30—Music and Meditation—Cecil Lea and Dr. Joe T. Odle, "Our Best Surrendered."
7:30-7:45—The Best From Books—Miss Florida Waite.
7:45-8:00—The Best From Audio-Visual Aids—Earl Waldrup.
8:00-8:10—Special Music—Mississippi Woman's College.
8:10-8:45—Message—Dr. William J. Fallis.

Wednesday, September 21, 1949

Grenada, Mississippi
Morning Session

10:30-11:00—Registration.
11:00-11:15—Music and Meditation—Rev. Charles Hamlett III and Kenneth Mavity.

11:15-11:25—"Our Best in Prayer."

11:25-11:35—Welcome—Dr. Glen Eric Wiley.

11:35-11:45—Response to Welcome—Miss Betty Renshaw.

11:35-12:00—Announcements.

12:00-12:30—Introducing the Workshops—Miss Florida Waite and Earl Waldrup.

Afternoon Session

1:45-2:00—Music and Meditation—Rev. Charles Treadway and Kenneth Mavity, "Our Best in Effort."

2:00-2:25—We Have Tried in Our Library—Mrs. E. L. Phillips.

2:25-2:50—We Have Tried With Visual Aids—Rev. Robert Martin.

2:50-3:00—Recess.

3:00-4:00—Church Library Work Shop—Miss Florida Waite.

4:00-5:00—Audio-Visual Aids Work Shop—Earl Waldrup.

Evening Session

Dr. G. Eric Wiley, presiding
7:15-7:30—Music and Meditation—Dr. Wilburn Smith and Kenneth Mavity, "Our Best Surrendered."

7:30-7:45—The Best From Books—Miss Florida Waite.

7:45-8:00—Music.

8:00-8:45—Message—Dr. William J. Fallis.

REV. ORMAN McDONALD DIES IN MERIDIAN

MERIDIAN, Sept. 11—After a lengthy illness the Rev. Blyth Orman McDonald, 28, instructor of psychology at Birmingham Southern College in Birmingham, Ala., died about Saturday midnight here at the home of his father-in-law, Bryan Poythress, after being flown home a week ago. He is the son of Lauderdale County Tax Assessor Frank McDonald and Mrs. McDonald of Meridian.

The minister was a graduate of Mississippi College at Clinton, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the University of Ohio. He was a former pastor of a Baptist church in Ohio.

Other survivors are wife; a son, Edward McDonald; two daughters, Joyce and Lynne; and two brothers, Edward and Grover McDonald.

Services were held Monday at 3 p.m., at Webb Funeral Home with Rev. Edward L. Byrd, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Magnolia Cemetery.

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JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Some of our Baptists, we know, refuse to be alarmed about separation of church and state. They refuse to become excited about the Senate bill permitting Federal funds for parochial schools.

But, week after week and month after month there come examples of the inroads being made.

Columnist Drew Pearson last week wrote that a Senate committee under the "prompting of Catholic leaders" has voted to give Franco's Spain \$50,000,000 of Marshall Plan funds without any of the strings attached in aid to other countries. ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman, Pearson said, has written a strong protest.

We had as soon see \$50,000,000 go to Stalin's Russia as to Franco's Spain. Each is a ruthless dictator. Protestants have as much liberty under one as they do under the other.

But, Franco cooperates with the Catholic Church. The Catholics want to show their appreciation by tapping the Federal treasury—just as they want Federal funds to pay for their schools.

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Baptist Youth Singers Tour Europe—Give Concerts

The World Baptist Youth Congress, with its keynote, "Baptist Youth Facing the Future," was held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 3-9. It proved to be an epochal meeting. Dr. Joel Sorenson of Sweden was presented as the newly elected World Baptist Youth Secretary.

Several Southern Baptist groups were in attendance, including those led by W. C. Boone, W. F. Howard, Roland Q. Leavell, William G. Mueller, Robert S. Denny, William Hall Preston and Maines Raws.

While the other groups continued their tours of Europe, Mr. Preston and the Student Sacred Concert group he was privileged to lead, returned to New York on August 11, after spending a day in Ireland following the Congress. They report delightful, unforgettable experiences as they met with the Baptist young people and

—Are CROP Gifts Still Needed—Do They Reach The Needy?

A church official overseas reports:

"On several occasions I have watched the unloading of ships bearing CROP gifts. . . . They do reach the most needy. . . . CROP is the American way of life in action, it is an expression of Christian brotherhood . . ."

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Miss. College Girls Elect Officers

As the first week of the session came to a close at Mississippi College, the Women's Student Government Association at Mississippi College elected the following officers for the session.

Freshman representative on the Women's Council, Constance Brewton of Vicksburg; house presidents in Jennings Hall, the Freshman Dormitory, are Nancy Breland of Yazoo City and Jean Marie Mitchell of Ruleville. The officers in Hederman Hall are: Betty Jo Middleton, Hazlehurst; Mary Ethel Griffin, Clarksdale; Bettye Jeane Weeks, Crystal Springs; Carol Bailey, Tylertown; and Barbara Lunday, Biloxi.

Gunter Hall officers are: June Richardson, Zama; Ewilda Trenor, Louisville; Ruth Kuehling, Vicksburg; Gwendolyn Compere, Florence; Beverly Ferrell, Jackson; and Mary Lou Speir, Jackson.

There are approximately 300 girls enrolled.

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Unionism Is Salley's Theme For Masters Degree At L.S.U.

"Southern Baptists and Their Stand against Unification with the Northern Baptist Convention" is the title of a thesis successfully presented by Charles Landrum Salley of the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy Faculty in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts at Louisiana State University. This native of Eupora, wrote under the direction of Professor Francis B. Simkins.

Mr. Salley, against a background of sectional dissensions, forthrightly presents the reasons why the Southern Baptists have not followed the example of the Southern Methodists in healing a great chasm which developed in the 1840's. A feeling of unique destiny and elation over their great growth coupled with a steadfast conservatism in matters doctrinal and racial, the young scholar contends, creates among Southern Baptists an unwillingness to compromise with the Northern co-religionists.

During the 1949 summer session, the author served as president of the Baptist Student Union at Louisiana State University.

Baptist leaders in their pre-Congress tour beginning July 6.

This included a concert in Gander, Newfoundland; services in ten London churches; joining with the Dutch Baptist youth in their National Convention in Holland; ten days of concerts in Rome, Naples, Florence and other Italian cities; four days with the Swiss Baptist young people and missionaries in the new Baptist Seminary in Switzerland; an evening with the German Baptist young people in bomb-ruined Stuttgart; an International service with the Austrian and Danish young people in one of the Baptist churches in Copenhagen; and climaxed by participation in the program of the Stockholm meeting.

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We are thankful that more of our larger churches are employing full-time Young People's Workers. Pastors of our larger churches cannot do all the work that needs to be done among our young people. They need help. Therefore, if your church is financially able and is large enough to warrant it, why not employ a Young People's Leader? Young People from 17 to 25 especially need the concerted ministry of the church. This group is perhaps the most unchurched group of all. They include our teenagers, our high school students, our college students, and the young working and married groups. If we do not claim them for Christ and for His church, the Devil and his crowd will automatically have them, as he does many of them already. From Sept. 20, last year, to May 26, Miss Marian Leavell, Ole Miss Student Sec'y., had 107 students in her home for meals, and from June 1 to Aug. 25, she had 97. Baptist student, be loyal to Christ by joining the Baptist church in your college center. Saw a picture of the crowd at the Stockholm Congress and recognized Dorothy Jean Lipham, of Millsaps, in the second row. Our college town churches could help our students spiritually by giving

them the Baptist Record every week and the Baptist Student every month. Marlene Dallas, of Mississippi College says, "Think what a town without a church would be; to me a college campus without a B. S. U. would be as bad." Believe our State Pre-School Retreat was spiritually helpful. Appreciated being with Mississippi College in their Retreat, and with the Training Union at Philadelphia, First, in recent days. Mississippi Baptists have much more to do than we've done. We gave nine cents per person in the Woman's College campaign; \$2.79 each for all causes from Nov. 1, '48 to July 31, '49; \$1.11 each through the Cooperative Program from Nov. 1, '48 to July 1, '49. Amid burning leaves, football rallies, rush weeks, endless chow-lines and quizzes, fall is a hectic season. For the balanced Christian, "one thing is needful": take time out for silence, perspective, deepening acquaintance with God. —John Oliver Nelson. Our first objective for the school year, 1949-50, should be to show Christ to every lost college student in Mississippi. Training Union attendance record at Decatur in the Young People's Dept. was broken Aug. 28. A chip on the shoulder indicates that there is wood higher up. —Selected.

MC Library Has 37,000 Books

The Library at Mississippi College houses 37,000 books and is increasing this number monthly. Supplementing these are 200 magazines, readily available in the library, along with approximately 25 newspapers and pamphlets which contain current and timely information on topics which are of concern to college students.

The majority of the books are included in the main collection, but there are also three special collections: First is the group of International Relations Club books; second, a large collection of biblical books, including many valuable historical manuscripts; last, the Negro collection, including books about Negroes and books by Negroes—grouped together for the benefit of the sociology students.

The magazine collection includes about 200 subscriptions to general and specialized magazines and numbers of others as gifts, about one-fourth of which are bound annually. The library receives approximately 25 newspapers.

The library has many old and rare books which have been given over a period of years. Among these is a set that was formerly in the palace of the King of England. The library has a copy of "Leisure Labors" by Joseph B. Cobb, which is one of three copies in existence today. The oldest book the library owns is a book containing the Psalms and Matthew written in Latin. It is dated 1560.

The library occupies three floors of the library building. In 1947 a three-story wing was completed which added greatly to the space available to the library. The building is equipped with fluorescent light and venetian blinds.

It is open approximately 11 hours a day except Sundays. The professional staff consists of Miss Annabelle Koonce, Mrs. Claudia Landrum, and Mrs. Rosa D. Quisenberry. This group is aided by a large number of competent students who are employed to

**ELMO HAS FIRST VBS
12 ADDED IN REVIVAL**

Elmo Church in Jefferson County had its first V. B. S. during the revival week. Eight workers led 58 pupils in the school. The mission offering of \$6.33 was designated for the Cooperative Program.

Dr. R. P. Butler, of Wiggins, did the preaching in the revival. There were 12 additions, 10 on profession of faith.

Rev. M. C. Nelson is the pastor.

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**HOW LEGALIZATION
WORKS**

By OBIE R. CLEM

Editor of Kansas Baptist Beams

The following release appears in the August 24, 1949 morning edition of the Wichita Eagle of Wichita, Kansas:

"Two weeks after the sale and purchase of liquor became legal (in Kansas), Wichita police checked their records of arrests for drunkenness and found they had increased 70 per cent during daylight hours and 30 to 40 per cent after dark."

Since repeal of the Dry Law in Kansas, we have personally witnessed more drunkenness on the streets of Wichita in one evening than we had ever seen in any entire month before Repeal.

work at the desk and to do "behind the scene" jobs.

Members of the library staff instruct students in the Freshmen English classes in the use of the library before they begin work on their term papers. The most important reference books are explained to them and they are given practice in using them.

At various times throughout the school session courses are offered for academic credit in library science. These include reference, cataloging, children's literature, and library administration. All of these are elective courses which prove helpful in fields other than teaching and librarianship.

Stewardship Speaker

C. LAMAR ALEXANDER

C. Lamar Alexander, Minister of Music at First Church, Pascagoula, will lead the singing at the statewide Stewardship Conference meeting with the New Hope Church, Covington County, Tuesday, October 25. The theme of the conference is "Obedient People in Touch With God." The meeting will begin at 9 a. m. Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the featured out-of-state speaker.

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Holcomb Has Revival, VBS

Holcomb Church held a revival and a Vacation Bible School August 14-19. Rev. Elton Moore was the evangelist.

Twenty-two were added to the church.

Mrs. Chester Martin was principal of the V. B. S., which had an average attendance of 38. The mission offering was \$5.

Those on the faculty were: Miss Nellie Quinn Hayden, Mrs. John Miller, Misses Katherine McMann, Carolyn Ann Hill, Charlotte Hammons, and Mary Ann Hayden, and Mr. John Hayden.

The pastor is Rev. Guy Futrell.

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**Mississippi Girl Is First
In School Of Theology**

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 13—Degrees were awarded to six men at convocation opening the fall session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here this week: Harold J. Fugian, New York City, bachelor of divinity; Henry Marion Gregory, Jr., Elk City, Okla., and Elmo Murray McCarty, Loughman, Fla., master in theology degrees; and Heber Fletcher Peacock, Jr., Berkeley, Calif., Aaron Leslie Rutledge, Groveland, Fla., and Willis Allen Shotwell, Huntington, W. Va. doctor in theology degrees.

A total of 717 have enrolled in the School of Theology of the seminary, and 50 in the seminary's School of Church Music. Late matriculants were expected to bring the total seminary enrollment to 900, to set a new record.

Among those enrolled in the School of Theology is the first and only woman thus far to be admitted to the seminary, Miss Helen Armstrong, of Georgetown, Miss. Entering under a new regulation of the seminary which provides that women may be admitted for training for a teaching ministry, Miss Armstrong will take the course leading to the bachelor of divinity degree. She hopes to be a missionary teacher in Europe, upon completion of her studies.

**FIRST CHURCH, VICKSBURG
NOW BROADCASTS SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE**

First Church, Vicksburg, is now broadcasting the Sunday morning preaching services at 10:50 over radio station WVIM, one of the two Vicksburg stations.

Due to the large crowds attending the church duplicate services are being held at 8:30 and 10:50 a. m.

Dr. B. C. Land, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, will lead the church in a Stewardship Revival, September 25-October 2.

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**WCTU Asks Advertising
Restrictions On Liquor**

PHILADELPHIA—(RNS)—Congressional action to ban advertising of alcoholic beverages in interstate commerce and over the radio was recommended by national officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union here.

Such a step is needed to curb the all-time high in alcoholism and excessive drinking in the U. S., according to Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, of Evanston, Ill., president of the WCTU.

Prominent women dry leaders from all of the 48 states, assembled for the 75th annual and diamond jubilee convention, joined in endorsing bills drafted by Senator Langer, of North Dakota (S. 1874) and Representative Bryson, of South Carolina (HR. 2428) that would place such curbs on liquor.

Mrs. Colvin said the bills are duplicates of measures once introduced by Senator Capper, of Kansas, now retired.

In discussing dry trends Mrs. Colvin said:

"Surveys show that more than one-third of the U. S. population is in the temper to vote for Prohibition if given the opportunity. Drying-up local option elections are occurring at the rate of about 600 a year in counties, cities, wards, townships and precincts in the more than 30 states wherein laws permit them."

"These ballot box revolts against the rising tide of alcoholism have either dried up or banned hard liquor over an area of one-fourth of the U. S., containing one-fifth of the population."

"In its 75th anniversary year, the WCTU will make new and increased efforts to protect the American home and family from the ravages of alcohol and to correct the wet-inspired propaganda to the gullible that drinking is 'fashionable' and 'smart.'"

Mrs. Colvin gave the following statistics:

(1) That Americans spent \$8,800,000,000 a year to drink 2,928,000,000 gallons of liquor wine and beer.

(2) That the U. S. has more than 466,000 saloons (called taverns).

(3) That the net result is more than 4,000,000 alcoholics and chronic drinkers; arrests for drunkenness and drunken driving equals one for every 38 persons, while one of every 4.6 admissions to psychopathic wards of general hospitals is for alcoholism.

"When you consider the annual 'drink bill,' think also of at least an equal amount that is the cost of drink-caused crime, disease, insanity, loss of income, poverty, and juvenile delinquency," Mrs. Colvin said. "Drink is the first step of the individual away from religion and from social and family responsibility."

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Changing the Junior Song

The first response we had to the notice given in last week's Record about changing the Junior song came from James McGehee, Route 4, Summit. Mr. McGehee suggests the song, "I Feel Like Traveling On." For those who did not see the statement let us repeat we are thinking very seriously about adopting a new song as the Junior Union theme song. "As A Volunteer" has been the song for many years, but because so few of the song books used in our churches have this song in it, we want one that will be available for use in the unions Sunday by Sunday or whenever the occasion arises. If you have a suggestion please give us first and second choice. Send to Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson.

Promotion Day Certificates

Promotion Day, September 25 should be a big day in your church, Sunday School in the morning and Training Union in the evening. Some churches give both morning and evening preaching service hours for this important part of the church program. Not too late to plan for it now. The Magazine gives you a suggested program and you can order the certificates from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, and have them in ample time for use on the 25th. The certificates are 5 1/2 inches and are supplied with envelopes. They have them for all age groups, and from union to union. They are five cents each.

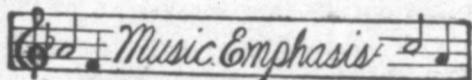
God's Hurry

God's Hurry is a new stewardship book just off the press, written by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. It has five chapters—The Everlasting Now, Two Alternatives, Laborers Together, Hitchhikers on the Commission, God's Plan. We are giving credit to this book in Training Union and we are urging every church to organize a churchwide school and use this book as the text. October is the beginning of the new church year, so why not have this class in October? Start the year off with a stewardship and evangelistic emphasis.

Second Avenue Laurel Enlarges Training Program

For weeks preceding the week of August 28-September 2 the pastor, director, educational director, department directors and other leaders were working on plans for an enlarged Training Program for the church. Lists were made of the entire church membership, this largely by ages, possibilities for more units and more people determined, new leaders enlisted and a visitation program inaugurated. On the afternoon of August 28 more than 30 "missionaries" met at the church and went out to visit their friends and church members. Glowing reports came from this visitation program. During the week the Juniors met in the afternoon for class work. On Friday afternoon they divided into four unions, one for each age, 9, 10, 11, 12, elected their officers and planned their programs for the next Sunday. Each evening the intermediates, young people, and adults met in a single class and studied Building a Church Training Program. Every

night these three groups met separately after the class period and planned for their enlargement and their next days visitation. On Friday night they met and formed the unions as they will operate beginning First Sunday in September. Four adult unions take the place of the two they have had. Four Young Peoples Unions take the place of the former two, and four intermediate unions take the place of the former three. The Story Hour will have three unions giving this church of 800 resident members 18 units in their Training Union. The program was climaxed each evening with a devotional thought that presented Jesus as the "Bright and Morning Star, Wonderful, Mighty God, and Everlasting Father." A large picture, spotlighted, (other lights dimmed) was the center of attraction as the program, consisting of quiet music, special music, poems and thought provoking illustrations, was given. Second Avenue moves into their \$130,000 new Educational Building September 25. A building modern in every way, commodious and beautiful.



Echoes From Ridgecrest Music Conference

The Ridgecrest Music Conference closed recently with a record attendance. A total of 1069 registered for the music conference. The music department was able to secure a week in which no other groups were in session. This added to the effectiveness of the music conference.

Mississippi had a very fine delegation attending the conference with a total of 31 registered for music. This year, the State Music Section of the Training Union Department placed emphasis on the Ridgecrest Conference, and was gratified with the splendid response. All of the Mississippians enjoyed plenty of good fellowship with each other during the week, and on Wednesday, August 31, a fellowship meeting of all those from Mississippi was held.

A very fine faculty led in the class schedules. The choir laboratory periods were led by Dr. Hines Sims, Associate South Wide Music Secretary, and Dr. Warren Angel, Dean of the School of Music, Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. Donald Winters, Dean of Music, Louisville Baptist Seminary, led the Festival Choir.

On Wednesday evening, the closing night, a concert of sacred music was given by the Festival Choir, Dr. Donald Winters leading. This program was well attended. Many people from Ashville, N. C., and nearby cities came to Ridgecrest to hear this fine program.

We feel sure that all of the churches who sent delegations to Ridgecrest Music Conference will benefit greatly from this great opportunity and experience.

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THE CHRISTIAN HERALD REPORTS that 93 per cent of all evangelical church members in the U. S. are members of the 31 bodies reporting more than 200,000 members. The Herald also reports that the proportion of Evangelicals and Roman Catholics in the total church population has remained about the same since 1905.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary —

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Union Association Holds Rally

The Baptist men of the Union Association held an Associational Rally of men on Monday evening, September 5, at First Baptist Church, Port Gibson. The Brotherhood Secretary spoke to the men on Brotherhood work and had a very responsive audience. Brother Hardy, the Associational Missionary, presided and we were graciously welcomed by Brother Chumbley, the host pastor. Six churches were represented with a good representation of the pastors, including Rev. M. C. Nelson, Associational Moderator, and Dr. James L. Clark of Fayette. A similar meeting will likely be held sometime in November.

Adams-Franklin Men Get Together

The men of the Adams-Franklin Association held their first Associational-wide Rally of men Tuesday evening, September 6, at First Baptist Church, Meadville. The host pastor, Brother Bishop, who is also Moderator of the Association, presided at the meeting in a very gracious way. Brother W. A. (Slick) Green was all there and in high spirits, as usual. A good representation of men from several

of the churches in the Association attended. The Brotherhood Secretary had the honor of speaking to the men and has not had a more responsive group of men in all the state. They voted unanimously to hold a similar meeting on November 22, at Roxie. Brother Bishop and Brother Green were most encouraging and supported the movement a hundred per cent, as they always do our denominational work. Thanks brethren.

New Brotherhoods Reported To Southwide Office For August

We reported the following new Brotherhoods to the Southwide Office for August: Bay Springs, Jasper County—Rev. Wilson A. Hogan, pastor; Byram, Hinds-Warren Association—Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor, J. E. Magee, president, and R. A. Kyle, secretary-treasurer; Calvary—Jackson County, Pascagoula—Rev. M. S. Varnado, pastor; Immanuel, Adams-Franklin Association, Natchez—Rev. A. C. Johnson, pastor, Robert Middleton, president, Billy Varnado, secretary-treasurer; and Mt. Morgan, Hinds-Warren Association—Rev. Fred Brister, pastor.

STOCKSTILL, SEAL ORDAINED BY PICAYUNE, FIRST



ERNEST RAY STOCKSTILL



W. OTIS SEAL

William Otis Seal and Ernest Roy Stockstill were ordained to the ministry by the First Church in Picayune on August 10, with the Rev. Cecil O. Sewell, pastor of Pine Grove Church, presiding.

The ordaining council was composed of pastors in the Pearl River Association: Rev. S. P. Powell, Donald Bennett, R. W. Langham, S. J. Rhodes, G. L. Stockstill, R. R. Darby, Wm. M. Clawson, C. G. Wells, H. H. Bridges, Clyde Gordon, E. C. Gordon, E. C. Pigott, C. B. Saucier, Cecil O. Sewell, Ernest Stockstill, and O. B. Estes; and Dr. J. L. Moran Richmond, Virginia. Rev. S. P. Powell was elected Moderator and Rev. Donald Bennett, Clerk.

A noon-day banquet was held in the reception rooms of the church following the examination, attended by the ministers and a group of friends and relatives.

Mr. Seal is a member of the First Church of Columbus, where he is Educational Director. Roy Stockstill is pastor of the Ogden Church, Ogden, Arkansas. The ordination was held at the customary request of the churches of their membership, and was a joint service of the Pine Grove Church and the First Church of Picayune.

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Rev. Sewell delivered the ordination sermon, followed by the presentation of the Bible to Mr. Seal by Mr. Horatio Stewart, chairman of the board of Deacons of Pine Grove Church. Mr. Seal then spoke on "The Preacher and his Bible." Mr. L. F. Tyler, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, made the presentation of the Bible to Mr. Ernest Roy Stockstill, who then brought a message on "The Preacher and His Mission."

The Ordination Prayer was led by Dr. John L. Moran, formerly a member of the First Baptist Church of Picayune, and now pastor of Westover Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. The presentation of the Ordination Certificates to the two newly ordained ministers was made by Rev. S. J. Rhodes, pastor of Bethel Church, Poplarville.

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PEARLHAVEN ADDS 33

A Revival was held at the Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, August 21-28. Rev. Barney Walker, evangelist, brought the messages. Rev. Paul Z. Ball, pastor of Pearlhaven Church, led in the singing.

There were 33 additions, 24 on profession of faith.

Thursday, September 15, 1948

WILDWOOD CHURCH HAS VBS AND REVIVAL

Wildwood Church in Deer Creek Association held a Vacation Bible School and a revival August 14-20. Rev. James L. Lawrence is the pastor.

There were 48 enrolled in the school, of which Pastor Lawrence was the principal. He was assisted by Mrs. Lawrence, Sarah Triplett, and Rev. Edmond Smith, all students at Mississippi College.

Rev. Bob Lowe, 1949 graduate of MC, did the preaching in the revival. There were 12 additions. Nine of the VBS pupils came on profession of faith.



Pictured above are those who were baptized by Pastor James L. Lawrence, Wildwood Church, Deer Creek Association, following the revival and Vacation Bible School which were held simultaneously in August.



Shown above is the group who attended the Vacation Bible School which was held at Wildwood Church, Deer Creek Association in August.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and Accepted:

Stanley E. Young, Seminole Heights Church, Tampa, Florida.

W. Hal Hunter, Brentwood Church, Jacksonville, Fla., from Lake Wales.

Roy Beales, Newton, N. C., from Carrollton, Ky.

H. C. Croslin, First, Cobden, Ill., from Little Mt. Church, Shelby Assoc., Ky.

D. E. Richardson, First, Georgiana, Ala.

Ollie G. Matthews, Mesa, Arizona.

E. Gibson Davis, First, Kingsport, Tenn., from Temple Church, Memphis.

T. M. Gilham, Post, Texas from Santa Anna, Tex.

M. I. Harris, Friendship Church, Morgantown, N. C., from Valdese, N. C.

W. C. Stockett, Garfield, Ark., from Brile, Tex.

Roy J. Ferguson, Grand Junction, Tenn.

Ralph H. Reasor, College Heights Church, Plainview, Texas, from First, Smackover, Ark.

Duane Pringle, Sonora Church, Springdale, Ark.

James H. Wright, First, Toulminville, Ala., from First, St. Louis, Mo.

PROPHETS, NOT PARROTS ARE IN DEMAND

By DR. W. R. CULLOM

Professor Emeritus,
Wake Forest College, N. C.

I have never owned a parrot. My association with them—the feathered kind—has been very limited. I must confess, therefore, that I know very little about parrots. The little that I have seen of them and what I have heard about them from those who have owned them and associated with them does not tend to increase my respect and admiration for these birds. Some of them learn to talk a little after fashion. Their vocabulary is very limited and their circle of ideas can be represented by the circle that is thoroughly blank. The little that I have seen of the parrot leaves me with the impression that he possesses four characteristics: (1) He is imitative. He can say only what he picks up from those about him. He has no power of originating ideas; no sense of purpose; no plan of life. (2) He is meddlesome. He passes out to others what you would not have passed out. He is utterly void of any sense of responsibility or of propriety. (3) He is deceptive. He will call the dog, have him come running to him in a state of glad expectancy, only to find nothing. (4) He is thoroughly selfish. The most oft-repeated message from the parrot is this: "Polly wants a cracker."

Great Need For Leadership

But there are parrots of another kind, alas, with many of whom I am quite well acquainted. Much of our world is on the verge of physical starvation; most of it, I think, is famishing for the water and the bread of life. Surely such a time is no time for parrots in the pulpit, or in any other place where leadership is called for.

My plea is that all people who are to lead in the realm of spirit and in the delicate and all-important task of molding and shaping character shall seek to be prophets rather than parrots.

Prophet is a "Seer"

What is a prophet and what is his function in human life and in human civilization? Four things may be said:

(1) A suggestive word used for the prophet in early days was that of "seer" (1 Samuel 9:9). Of course, a "seer" is one who sees. But do not all people see? Alas, No! Too many of us never see beneath the surface. It is said that Martin Luther would always raise his hat when he came into the presence of a child. His imagination saw what possibilities were locked up in that child. In our daily routine as we pass and repass the plain men and women about us, how we need to pray God to open our eyes that we may see!

We walk daily and hourly in the midst of opportunities that an archangel might well covet. What need for the living God are ever about us and we pass along seeing only what is on the surface! The parrot will never see any of these things: it takes the prophet of God to see them.

(2) Many people, again, have been as I was for quite a while—thinking of the prophet as one who predicts the future. The real function of the prophet is to speak for or on behalf of God. Nor is this message necessarily confined to dealing with the individual: it may deal with the nation, with the group, with the class, but always and primarily in their relationship to

God.

(3) The prophet is also to interpret life for those to whom he speaks in their relationship to one another.

(4) Such a conception of the prophet will necessarily humble when he thinks of the origin and source of his messages. Any suggestion of driving men or of coercion in any form or to any degree is far removed from the work of the true prophet. His responsibility ceases when he is sure that he has spoken God's will in such a way as to cause people to know that God has spoken, and also to know what God is saying to them. When this has been done faithfully, tenderly, lovingly, people are to understand that they must make their own choice. "The competency of the soul under God" is one of the most fundamental theses drawn from God's Word. And woe to the man or the group that would dare to interfere with this fundamental relationship of the soul!

Three Observations

I doubt if there has ever before been a time that needed the guidance and help of the real prophet (not the parrot) as our own age does. Were men, nations and people ever before so confused and bewildered as to what is ahead of them as they are today? What a call for the prophet of God!

Was there a time, moreover, when so many attractive and alluring inducements were held before the prophet of God to lead him astray? The publishing houses are providing so much. It is so much easier to be a parrot and many congregations much prefer a parrot. It requires great courage, hard toil, constant and diligent application, to be a prophet of God. The parrot can swim with the current; the prophet has to swim against the current.

If one then is seeking the way of least resistance (Matt. 7:13-14), let him set out to be a parrot; on the other hand, if a man wants to make a contribution through his life, let him choose the way of the prophet. The man who chooses the way of the prophet, will be choosing the way of persecution (Matt. 5:10-12). He may take comfort, however, in the assurance that this is the way of his Master and hear that Master saying to him: "The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him (John 13:16)." If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. It is enough that the servant be as his Lord."

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THE FOLLOWING JUNIOR DEACONS have been elected by the Houlka Church: John Collums, Wilton Chresman, Edward Lester, Tommy Munlin, Farrell Thomas, and G. C. Turner. These will serve as Junior deacons until they are ordained by the church.

MAYERSVILLE CHURCH HELD A revival and a Vacation Bible School simultaneously, the week of August 28-September 2. There were 41 pupils enrolled. Rev. James Lawrence, pastor, served as principal. There were 10 professions during the revival, eight were Bible School pupils.

THE MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE FACULTY and student body recently enjoyed a large "get-together" in front of the new Nelson Administration Building. The party was held for the purpose of acquainting all new students with the old students and faculty members. Over 500 attended the party.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

STATE MISSION SEASON OF PRAYER

Sept. 19-22

THEME: KEEPER OF THE KEYES

The program committee has prepared and placed in the hands of each W. M. S. President, the programs for the three days. We feel that it sets forth State Missions in a clear, forceful way—making PERSONAL our responsibility. Many comments have come concerning the material, each person expressing appreciation to the committee for such splendid material. The committee in turn expresses appreciation to the many individuals over the state who furnished material for the program. Be faithful in studying, praying and giving to State Missions and most of all in DOING in your part of the State.

PANOLA ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. studied the W. M. U. Manual with Mrs. Ned Rice directing the study. Mrs. J. L. Travis, Sr., wrote of the fine spirit, good attendance and worthwhile results of the study together. Such a study will prove helpful to each society and each association.

DISPLACED PERSONS ministered to by COMO. Mrs. Wooten, Community Missions Chairman wrote of the joy they have had in showing Christian courtesy and friendliness to the Displaced Persons near them. A number of them are attending the Baptist Church in Como. Winning the friendship of these people "away from home" will mean much in winning them for the Lord.

E. W. C. CONFERENCE— CAMP GARAYWA Oct. 7-9

We are working toward EVERY CIRCLE REPRESENTED! How about yours? We are counting on you! Will you be one of the 150 expected?

Conference begins Friday night at 8 p. m. (supper will not be served). Closes Sunday after lunch.

Come as soon as you can get away Friday; if you can't come until Sat., come then; if you can't come until Sunday morning, come then! The main idea is to COME!

If you need transportation from Clinton to Camp—call 3191 (Camp Garaywa) after you get to Clinton and someone will be right in to get you.

MISSIONARIES: Mrs. Y. K. Chang, Shanghai; Mrs. David Mein, Brazil and Miss Regina Sliger, Home Mission Board.

BRING: Sheets (single), pillow case, towels, Bible, B. W. C. Guide.

SEND: \$1 (part of the \$4.50) registration fee NOT LATER than Oct. 4 for each person planning to attend. Also names and addresses. Send this information to: Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

State Federation Officers: Almarine Brown, Jackson, Chairman; Alice Dean Causey, Gulfport, Co-Chm.; Hannah P. Jones, Leland, Secretary; Edwina Robinson, Jackson, Adviser.

Federation Chairmen: Lauderdale, Ruth Catledge, Meridian; Jones-Jasper, Doris Williams, Bay Springs; Hinds, Gladys Barnes, Jackson; Lebanon, Mamie Esther Cross, Petal; Deer Creek, Jessie Hearn, Greenville;

Pike, Mary Mills, McComb; Riverside, Joyce Farmer, Clarksdale; Lee-Pontotoc, Martha McCord, Pontotoc; Gulfcoast, Catherine Rae, Gulfport.

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FOY BEGINS WORK AS PASTOR AT PERKINSTON Brigance Is New BSU Sec'y.

Rev. B. Aaron Foy moved on the field on September 1, to begin his work as pastor at Perkinson. Arriving at the two-year old pastorum, the Foy family found that not only was the pantry liberally stocked, but a good dinner had been prepared on the new electric range. On Saturday the church entertained with a get-acquainted party.

On the first Sunday at the church there were seven additions and a Training Union was organized.

Pastor Foy will work together with Roy Brigance, the new Student Secretary, to also minister to the students at Perkinson Junior College.

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14 Professions At Calvary Church, Monroe County

Calvary Church in Monroe County held a revival August 14-20 with 14 additions. The pastor, Rev. G. L. Ford, did the preaching.

There were 14 additions, all on profession of faith.

Pastor Ford served as principal in the V. B. S. August 8-12, with 95 enrolled.

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Propose Merger Of Baptis+ Seminaries In S. America

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—A proposal to consolidate the Baptist seminaries of Santiago, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and possibly Bolivia awaits the final recommendations of the various missions involved, according to Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., field secretary for Baptist missions in Latin America.

The move is in line with an effort to set up a graded plan of theological education in the nine Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America where Southern Baptists work.

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MRS. OLLIE CHAPMAN

On August 15, 1949 God in his infinite wisdom called from our midst one of our most beloved women, Mrs. Ollie Chapman, wife of J. O. Chapman of Lucien.

She was 53 years of age and the mother of three children: a daughter Mrs. P. L. Magee, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; two sons, Raford and Billy, both of Lucien. She also leaves five sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Chapman was endowed by nature with a strong mind and lovable disposition. All these she early consecrated to the Master's use. She was loyal to the church, beginning her Christian life when a child. She was a member of Damascus Church, Franklin County.

Her illness was one of prolonged discomfort and acute suffering and anxiety of death. Mrs. Chapman was a faithful wife, a loving mother, and an obedient servant of the Lord.

Damascus Church
MRS. SAM BARFOOT,
Reporter

To Teach At Miss. College



MISS ETHEL JOYCE HICKMAN

Miss Ethel Joyce Hickman of Kenner, Louisiana, is a new addition to the already strong music faculty of Mississippi College at Clinton. Miss Hickman will teach pipe organ, piano and theory. She has Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the music school of Louisiana State University. President D. M. Nelson states that the faculty has now been completed in all departments and that all indications point to a full attendance and a good session.

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MIDDLETON HAS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY AT BRUCE

On September 4 Rev. J. B. Middleton celebrated his fourth anniversary as pastor at Bruce. Special services were held at the church honoring the Rev. Mr. Middleton and dedicating the new 26-passenger church bus and the Minstrel-Estey Organ and Chimes, presented to the church by Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Crocker.

During the ministry of Pastor Middleton a \$12,500 pastorum has been built and about \$300 has been spent for sidewalks on the church premises. There have been 243 additions to the church.

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COUNTY LINE PROMOTES FAMILY NIGHT

County Line Church in Copiah County and the pastor, Rev. R. J. Sweetman, have found that Family Night is a great help in attendance at the W. M. U. organizations and Brotherhood meetings. The organizations had an average attendance of fifty before Family Night was begun last fall.

Using the slogan "Every family in our Church Family present," the people were urged to come on Wednesday nights for a 45-minute prayer service, followed by a 45-minute period for the organizations to meet. Now there are 120 enrolled with an average attendance of 90 and a goal of 150 has been set.

Not only have these organizations grown, the Sunday School has increased from 90 to 135; The Training Union, from 30 to 75. There have been 43 additions to the church this year.

When people were urged to come to the organizations, they would say: "I can't come to Brotherhood at night and leave my wife home alone"; or: "I can't come to W. M. S. in the afternoon because John has the car"; or: "I can't come to R. A. or G. A. because I have no way to come in the afternoon." These were good reasons, not merely excuses, as was later proved.

Blue Mountain College

President Lawrence T. Lowrey has received a letter from Dr. Courts Redford, Assistant Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board, in which he refers to Miss Lavora Murfin, New Orleans, La., a student in Blue Mountain College, who spoke to the Southern Baptist Convention and the W. M. U. Convention in Oklahoma City recently, in the following words: "Miss Murfin brought fine messages both to the Convention and to the W. M. U. meeting. Many said that her testimony was one of the finest things that we had on our program. We appreciate her fine spirit and are very much interested in her progress."

Miss Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1945, teaches speech arts at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. During this summer she was enrolled at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where she took additional graduate work in speech. She has the master's degree from Louisiana State University, and has done graduate study in speech at Columbia University.

Mary Ruth Smith Brew, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1947, is church secretary at the Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. W. C. Kirk, pastor.

Miss Laura Thompson, Arbyrd, Mo., who graduated from Blue Mountain College in June, began work with the Central Baptist Church in Florence, Ala., as educational-choir director this month. During the summer she was with the Central Baptist Church in San Bernardino, Calif., as student missionary. Her work there included that of educational and choir director in addition to an extensive visitation program for the summer months.

Miss Mellie Gene Blanks, Greenwood, a freshman at Blue Mountain College, was elected by the members of the Greenwood High School Band as the girl in the band who was the most outstanding in playing and all other band activities.

The Greenwood band played at all of the out-of-town football games, the Memphis Cotton Carnival, state band contest at Jackson, and attended the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

Natalie Brown Watson, Blue Mountain, graduate of Blue Mountain College, served this summer as dean of women and teacher of English literature at Perkinson Junior College. She is teaching English there this session.

Miss Willene Coker, Blue Springs, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in May, is educational secretary of the West Laurel Baptist Church, Laurel.

Hermon Bryant Ordained

On September 8, Herman Bryant was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by the First Church, Bruce, at the request of Prospect Church.

Rev. J. B. Middleton, pastor, was in charge and was assisted by the following council: Rev. A. F. Brasher, Rev. A. D. Jacks, Rev. C. A. Savel, Rev. W. M. Crocker, and the deacons of First Church.

NEW HOME MISSIONARIES

The Home Mission Board in its September meeting appointed Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Queen of Missouri as missionaries to Cuba. Brother Queen has been a schoolteacher, pastor, high school principal, and B. S. U. state secretary of Missouri. He and Mrs. Queen go to Cuba to serve the English church which meets in the Calvary Temple and to work among students in the University of Havana.

Miss Evangelina Lopez has been named kindergarten worker in Mission, Texas, Miss Esperanza Martinez at Harlingen, and Miss Erlene Howard at Belen, New Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Siebenmann of San Antonio, Texas, were named general missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people of New Mexico.

Miss Mary Louise Rappold has joined the Riverfront mission staff in New Orleans, and Miss Catherine Molohan has become head nurse at Woman's Emergency Home.

Rev. Roy F. Sutton, assistant state secretary of Arizona, has been named as general home missionary for the state; Rev. Ray T. Hart of Florence, Kansas, has been named general missionary for western Kansas; and Rev. C. C. Brown, of Madras, Oregon, has become general home missionary for Oregon and Washington.

In its program to assist students in the language groups the Home Mission Board has granted additional scholarships to fourteen students attending nine colleges and six students in two of the seminaries. From among the scholarship students come many of the Board's effective missionaries to the language groups.

Home Mission Opportunities

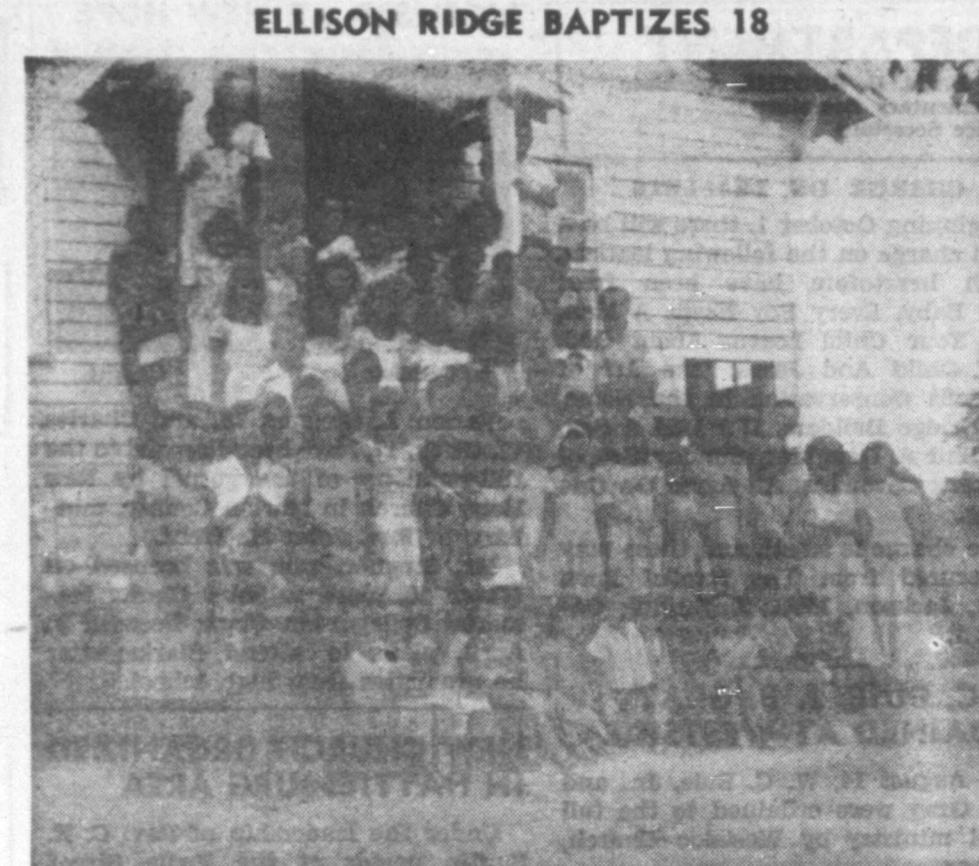
The work of The Home Mission Board in the past five years has been phenomenal. The city mission program has been launched in more than forty cities of the South. A rural church program designed to revitalize our country churches and save rural America for Christ has been inaugurated. These two departments of work have been done in co-operation with state mission boards.

A challenging program has been launched in the West. The Board has given special reinforcement to Baptist work in New Mexico, Arizona, and California. The direct mission program in its service to language groups and minorities was extended as far as home mission money would go. There are now thirty-seven vacancies in fields already occupied and there is a crying need for \$65,000 to replace these workers merely to keep going the work already established.

New fields added to the Southern Baptist Convention have enlarged the scope of home mission work so that geographically more than a million square miles of territory have been added to home mission responsibilities. Washington, Oregon, Kansas, and Alaska present challenging opportunities which The Home Mission Board must answer.

In addition to enlarged geographical territories the Board has surveyed thirty-one additional fields in which fifty-seven new workers are needed at a cost of \$110,000 a year to give a spiritual ministry through migrant work, mountain missions, services for isolated areas, and an intensified program for the underprivileged and those in distress or in trouble within our geographical borders.

New home mission opportunities should encourage all our people to help reach the goal of FIFTY-FIFTY by 1950 so that a balanced mission-



ELLISON RIDGE BAPTIZES 18

Eighteen people were baptized August 21, at Ellison Ridge Church, Winston County, as the combined results of Vacation Bible School and the summer revival meeting.

The Vacation Bible School had 111 enrolled. On Commencement night two Junior boys accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

L. G. Camp, Jr., is the pastor but has resigned his work there effective October 1.

24 ADDED IN REVIVAL AT 41ST AVENUE, MERIDIAN

On the 14th of August the annual revival was held at Midway, Lauderdale County with Rev. T. L. Pfeifer, pastor of Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian, as the evangelist.

After four weeks of cottage prayer meetings and the mid-week prayer meetings at the church devoted to prayer for a great revival, a total of 24 additions were received.

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BETHLEHEM, SCOTT, PLANS HOMECOMING ON SEPT. 25

The Bethlehem Church, in Scott County, will have Home Coming Day Sunday, September 25.

The services will be as follows: Sunday School at 10:15; Worship Service, 11:00; Lunch on grounds, 12:00.

Statements from former members and friends will be in the afternoon program.

An offering will be taken during the day for pews for the church. Dr. A. A. Kitchens will deliver the afternoon address.

The pastor is Rev. A. G. Smith.

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DELTA PASTORS MEET OFFICERS ELECTED

The Delta Pastors' Conference met with the Drew Church for their September meeting. The program was in charge of its President, Rev. David Cranford. Those taking part on the program were Rev. Frank Campbell, Rev. W. L. Marsh, and Rev. A. L. Gatewood.

The following officers were elected for another year: President, Frank Campbell of Inverness; Vice-President, Dr. R. A. Tullis of Greenwood, and Secretary, Harold Douglas of Hollandale.

The place of the next meeting will be Mt. Vernon, Rev. John Gore, pastor.

ary program, state, home, and worldwide can be maintained.

Spring Creek Has Well-Rounded Program

Wayne Todd Leads Revival

Recently Rev. Wayne Todd, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, led in revival services at Spring Creek Church, Neshoba County. Reverend Ivor L. Clark, graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Theological Seminary is pastor. There were 27 additions, 24 for baptism.

Baptists throughout the state will be interested in the splendid progress being made by the Spring Creek Church along these lines: the adoption of the "Lord's Acre" plan whereby the church owns and cultivates nine acres of cotton, the proceeds from which have provided Sunday School rooms and a baptistry, and this year half the amount will go to missions; the maintenance of a weekly radio program over a local station entitled "The Voice of the Country Church"; the establishment of a weekly school for Choctaw Indians and a Mission Bible School for negroes; the operation of a very successful Bible School with an enrollment of 102 and an average attendance of 93; the winning of eight contests out of ten possibilities in the District Training Union Convention; the contestants to enter the state contest at the Convention in December.

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MARION CHURCH CALLS E. C. FARR AS PASTOR

Marion Church in Lauderdale Association has called Rev. E. C. Farr, New Sight Church in Lincoln County, as pastor.

He succeeds Rev. L. B. Simmons, who is now a professor at Clarke College. The church made noteworthy progress under the leadership of Mr. Simmons. Three is now \$6,000 in the building fund. The new building will be constructed in 1950.

State Missions Alphabetically Expressed

In our State Mission program we find everything that is held high by Baptists. Let's play with the alphabet and see what we can find.

Our State Mission Program is:

A—DMIRABLE, A—CHIEVING and A—DAFTABLE to every need.
 B—BACKBONE of B—ETTER B—ENEVOLENCES.
 C—ATERS to C—ONSISTENT C—HRISTIANITY.
 D—EMONSTRATED D—OCTRINAL D—EMOCRACY.
 E—DIFIES E—FFECTIVE E—VANGELISM, local, State-wide, South-wide, world wide.
 F—OSTERS F—RIENDSHIP and F—ELLOWSHIP between Associations.
 G—RATEFULLY G—ETS the G—OSPEL to the remotest sections of the state.
 H—EROICALLY H—ELPS H—OLD Christ up in the local Church.
 I—NVARIABLY I—NSISTS on and I—NSPIRES cooperation among churches.
 J—USTLY and J—OYFULLY J—OINS hands with other states in the spread of the Gospel.
 K—INDLY K—EEPS us K—NIT together in a world-wide program.
 L—IFTS L—OADS and L—ENDS a helping hand to Association and weaker churches in supplementing salaries.
 M—AKES, M—AINAINS and M—AGNIFIES a pooling place for cooperative work.
 N—EVER N—EGLECTS N—OBLE things Baptists love and foster.
 O—FTEN O—BLIGINGLY O—PENING mission Sunday Schools and Churches.
 P—ROMOTES P—APERS and P—ERIODICALS of our denomination.
 Q—UICKLY but Q—UIETLY Q—UASHES Q—UANDARIES.
 R—ATIONALLY R—EVERENCES the R—IGHTS of the local Church.
 S—UPPORTS S—EMINARIES and S—CHOOLS.
 T—RAINS T—EHNICIAN for T—EDIOUS T—ASKS.
 U—NEQUALLED in U—NIFYING work, and U—TILIZING worker.
 W—ISELY W—AGES W—ARFARE on heresies.
 X—RAYS all denominational and church problems.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

NEW YEAR'S SLOGAN

The slogan for the new Sunday school year that begins the first of October is "Take Your Family to Sunday School."

The reason for this slogan is because there are many partially unenlisted families and also many totally unenlisted families.

These families need to be totally enlisted in Sunday school. Each member of every family needs regular Bible study in the school. Each member of every family needs the spiritual emphasis that comes from attending a good Sunday school.

So, then, let's use September to get ready for a great campaign of enlistment during the new year, and with the special emphasis on the family.

NO MIXED CLASSES

There are some things that should be carefully avoided. One of these is the mixed class in Sunday school. That is the class that has both men and women in it. Also, the class that is sometimes called "The Couples' Class."

This mixture will get you into trouble some where down the line, and the sooner we recognize it and change it, the better for all concerned.

Except in the very small schools, it is so much better to keep the sexes separated, at least from the Juniors and up. Only in this way can we have the best school, and the one that will give the best opportunities for development for all the people.

AND STILL THEY GROW

Many, many have seen the good words that have come to us this year of Sunday school growth. We verily believe that Southern Baptists will reach that net enrollment gain this year of 600,000. And why not? The people are here.

All along the line Sunday school leaders are telling us of the great gains they are having in their schools. This is for large and small schools alike.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

"The Ladder of Efficiency" is the attractive title of the very practical Installation service prepared by J. T. Sisemore, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dallas, for use this year in Young People's classes and departments.

All teachers, department, and class officers need to realize the seriousness of their responsibility. They need encouragement and direction. This program will challenge them to be more loyal, true, and faithful, and will also inspire them to become more efficient workers.

Many Young People's leaders will present this message at the department assembly on Sunday morning. Many of them are also using this program most effectively at an Installation service banquet.

The program, "The Ladder of Efficiency," appears on page 50 of the September issue of the *Sunday School Builder*. Other copies may be secured from the state Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. We recommend it wholeheartedly for use early in October.

CHARGE ON LEAFLETS

Beginning October 1, there will be a small charge on the following leaflets, which heretofore have been free: Your Baby, Every Boy Needs A Man, How Your Child Learns About God, Your Child And Jesus, The Art of Religious Conservation in the Home, The Bridge Builders, If I Had A Son, If I Had A Daughter, Sunday School Worker's Covenant, All Agree On One Thing.

The charge is small, and these may be secured from The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., beginning October 1.

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W. C. BUIE, J. B. GRAY
ORDAINED AT WESTSIDE

On August 14, W. C. Buie, Jr., and J. B. Gray were ordained to the full gospel ministry by Westside Church, Natchez.

The Council was composed of the following:

Rev. James W. Crumpton, Moderator, pastor, Westside Church; Rev. Richard J. Sweetman, pastor County Line Church, Crystal Springs; Rev. Farrell E. Runyan; Rev. Otho C. Johnson; M. B. Hancock; Floyd D. Lewis; E. E. Maddox; J. C. Geiselbreth; and John Touchstone.

The ordination service was held in connection with the evening service in Westside Church. Rev. Farrell Runyan brought the ordination sermon; Rev. James W. Crumpton gave the charge and presented the Bibles; and Rev. Richard J. Sweetman led in the dedicatory prayer.

Rev. W. C. Buie, Jr., is a student in Mississippi College and is pastor in Yazoo County. Rev. J. B. Gray pastors churches in Louisiana, near Natchez.

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BETHESDA HAS REVIVAL
47 ENROLLED IN VBS

Bethesda Church in Oktibbeha Association held its annual Vacation Bible School during the summer, enrolling 47. Rev. J. F. Stanford, the pastor, acted as principal.

Others on the faculty were: Mrs. Oscar Self, Mrs. Nettie Cunningham, Mrs. Annie Prisock, Mrs. Ellie Self, Mrs. Hilman Gentry, Mrs. Lela Stewart, Mrs. R. L. Carpenter, Mrs. T. A. Edwards, and Mrs. Tom Edwards.

Refreshments were furnished daily. Transportation was furnished by the Sunday School Superintendent, Hilman Gentry.

During the week of August 7-12, the church experienced one of the greatest revivals in its 109-year history. Rev. W. T. Douglas, pastor of the Brooksville Church, did the preaching and Pastor Stanford led the singing. Seven made professions of faith.

At the close of the revival, a frozen food locker was given to the pastor and already the congregation has filled the locker over half with vegetables and meats.

During the seven months that Mr. Stanford has been pastor, the attendance of all the services has been increasing. For the three summer months, weekly Prayer Meetings were each Thursday night.

Bethesda and Artesia Church, which Mr. Stanford also serves, are now sponsoring a weekly devotional program each Saturday morning at 10:15 over radio station WSSO, Starkville.

LICENSED AT NEW HOPE



STOGNER



CLARK

Varion L. Stogner, 18, and Charles W. Clark, 17, have been licensed to the full ministry of the gospel by New Hope Church in Marion County, ministry of Rev. John S. Trent.

Mr. Stogner, who was licensed on March 13, plans to enter Clarke Memorial College. Mr. Clark, licensed in April, plans to attend Clarke after he graduates from high school.



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1930	8,520.11	- Loss	1940	7,548.47	- Loss
1931	7,224.04	- Loss	1941	3,243.57	- Loss
1932	6,031.97	- Loss	*1942	3,365.35	- Profit
1933	5,289.59	- Loss	1943	6,899.87	- Profit
1934	5,932.11	- Loss	1944	12,808.72	- Profit
1935	6,205.96	- Loss	1945	20,927.44	- Profit
1936	7,646.10	- Loss	1946	17,021.83	- Profit
1937	7,931.33	- Loss	1947	15,432.02	- Profit
1938	8,907.02	- Loss	1948	14,401.52	- Profit
	76,877.12	- Loss		108,114.97	
			Less Loss	17,258.22	
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Thursday, September 15, 1948

THE BAPTIST RECORD

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

September 18

PSALMS FOR DAILY LIVING. Psalms 15; 24:1-6; 148:8-10.

I. The Worthy Man

God's man must be a worthy man. Worthy of what? Worthy of fellowship with God, well, then, what sort of man is worthy of fellowship with God? A man who is of like character with God. How will one determine the character of God? Search the word of God for the words descriptive of God's character. Those words, believe me, are abundant. Away from Psalm 15 for a few minutes to our dear old Brother John. Or begin by granting the truth of the proposition of the author of Hebrews that, "He is" (Heb. 11:6). Of Him John says, "God is true" (3:33), which is the same as to say that God exists, has being. What sort of existence does God lead?

1. "God is light" (I John 1:5), which is the same as to say that God reveals Himself, makes Himself known, shows Himself in His character to man.

2. As Love. "God is love" (I John 4:8). Believe that, now. He is love. His mercy brightens all the pages of history, both sacred and so-called profane. So completely does this characteristic find home in the heart of God that He cannot be so fittingly described by any other one judgment. Of late I have heard a song whose writer says that the love of God is so great that all its reaches could not be written, even though all the waters of ocean were ink, every reed and spear of grass a writer's pen, every man on earth a scribe, the wide expanse of the heavens a scroll, and all the years the hours for recording the sum of it. God is Love! Let us hold onto that one.

3. The Fatherhood. "For such doth the Father seek to be His worshippers" (John 4:23). The nature of God is the fatherly nature. That is the nature of the giver. The life of the father has overflowed into the life of another, and so the other is child of the Father. God is source and fount of all life, every stream of life that flows anywhere in the world.

But some folks are going to go away from Him into eternal burnings, surely they can not be His children. True! They have thrown off the restraint that should characterize a child, they have fallen away from the Father, they have inherited a nature that is prone to sin, they have, by their own choice forfeited their right to all claim upon the Father's mercy, and have done despite to the spirit of Grace, but by any capacity yet remaining to them to hear and obey the voice of God, by any ability to feel the leadings of the Spirit of God, there yet abides in them, that priceless something which declares them of an origin divine. But there is no good in them.

There is nothing upon which the love of the Father may lay hold. Oh, well! Have it your way, dear Brother! Say all men who have not believed are sons of the devil and have no right to cry aloud the name, the sacred name, of the heavenly Father, and I'll pass you, reminding you only that it might require the heart of a Father to enable a lost man to hear and be convicted of his sin and repent and believe God in God's way.

We could pursue this line of thought forever, but we have brief time in which to look now at the sort of men who may fellowship with God. God walks uprightly; so must the worthy man. God is truth. God is, and His word is evermore yes and amen. So must His close companion be a man who loves the truth and speaks it in love and sincerity. God

To Teach At Miss. College



MR. WILLIAM R. BOSWELL

Mr. William R. Boswell, who has just returned from a year of study of Art in Paris and who has B. F. A. and M. F. A. degrees from the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design, will be head of the Art Department in Mississippi College at Clinton this session. Mr. Boswell teaches drawing, painting, commercial art, advertising design, and other branches which will appeal to students. His year of study in Europe was made possible by a scholarship granted because of his superior ability in his chosen profession.

is kind to all His creatures; so must the worthy man be of the disposition that will not harm one soul. God hates the evil! All the evil and the father of it God hates; so must the worthy man hate the evil and the base, and turns from it in loathing and contempt. God honors them who hold Him in honor; so must the worthy man give honor to God and lofty respect to the man who tries in sincerity to serve the Lord. God keeps His promises. He has sworn by His holiness that He will not forfeit His promise; so the worthy man will keep his engagements in righteousness.

II. God's Greatness Exalted

Psalm 24

We begin here with a declaration of God's ownership and Creatorship of all that is anywhere. And when this has been recognized, we come to the question with which the 15th Psalm dealt. Who is worthy, and here a like answer is given us there. This answer is followed by a more definite promise of blessing from the Lord.

Be very sure of this, that God will allow no one of those who do His bidding to go unrewarded for so doing. "I have striven to do His bidding, and my pockets are still empty and my barns do not burst with the harvests." Well, are you any different? Has your heart grown more or less good while you have sought to know and do His will? Are not the true riches and the only true riches, those of the heart?

III. The Path to Worthiness

Psalm 143:8-10

Is it not plain? Can that be the reason so few find and follow it? How many, now, how very few of us do the little things that make all the difference when we do them from the heart? In the morning to go to Him from right where you are. And the way is so short and so easy. He is right at hand, ready to listen any moment you open the lips of your soul to speak to Him. He is right there, ready to speak any time you want to let Him. Do you take time to hear His voice? Or do you take time to speak to Him? Is your day so full of trifles that you have no time for Him?

Strike Settled After Community Prayer Service

LAUREL, Miss.—(RNS)—A five-month-old strike which crippled the economic life of this city was settled—twenty-three days after a community prayer service was held to seek divine guidance in the situation.

Striking workmen voted 747 to 588 to return to work after a citizens' committee and Governor Fielding L. Wright, of Mississippi, urged a secret ballot on a company-proposed contract. Union members had previously rejected the offer by a standing vote of 1,348 to 266.

The community prayer service was sponsored by the Lauderdale-Ellisville Ministerial Association, and was attended by officials and striking employees of the large Masonite pulpwood plant.

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DR. T. R. CLARK

Whereas the McAdams Baptist Church, in conference assembled on July 19, 1948, heard the letter of resignation of her pastor, Dr. T. R. Clark, and accepted said resignation; and whereas the church wishes to express our feelings toward our pastor:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the McAdams Baptist Church, that we have learned to love our pastor dearly, and that it is with deepest regret that we accept his resignation; realizing, however, that he is seeking to do God's will.

Resolved, further, that we deeply appreciate the faithful ministry of our pastor as he has labored with us and for us for the past five years, ever giving of his time, his energy, and his many abilities in striving to lead his people into deeper consecration of their lives in the worship and service of God.

Resolved, further, that we invoke God's blessings upon him in his new work, and that we wish him all happiness and success in his undertakings as he goes from us.

Resolved, lastly, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist Record for publication, a copy be given to our pastor, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. E. McMAHON
MRS. L. L. GOWAN
FULTON McDANIEL

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

September 19—State Mission Season of Prayer, September 19-22; Dr. G. E. Wiley, Grenada County Convention Board member.

September 20—Jasper Associational meeting; Homer F. Holmes, Lawrence County Sunday School Superintendent.

September 21—Zion Associational meeting; Mrs. R. P. Bailey, Lauderdale W. M. U. Associational Young People's leader.

September 22—Carroll and Alcorn Associational meetings; J. E. Lane, Relief and Annuity Bookkeeper, Baptist Building.

September 23—A. A. Ward, Mississippi Associational B. T. U. Director, Miss Elizabeth Purser, Blue Mountain faculty.

September 24—Mrs. M. H. James, Tchatchie Associational W. M. U. Superintendent; Rev. J. D. Thompson, Lee County Convention Board member.

September 25—B. S. U. Join-the-Church Day.

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Help Make Association Records Meaningful

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary —
Department Of Survey,
Statistics, and Information

Southern Baptist associations are looking more and more to the associational clerk for help in projecting an advance program for the association, the state, and the program of missions around the world.

There is a growing concept of the purpose of records. The historical value is worth noting, and we need to pause to thank God for his victories. But records achieve their greatest value when they point out both strength and weakness. More and more associations this year will study their gains and losses, as presented by the associational clerk, for the purpose of discovering the needs for the year ahead.

It takes an army of at least 126,218 people to collect data on Southern Baptist churches this year. This number includes the church clerks, church treasurers, pastors, various organizational secretaries, associational clerks, state statistical offices, and the convention statistical officers.

These people spend many hours preparing their annual reports. This preparation involves writing, telephone calls, and travel. In most cases, it is a labor of love by those who sense that their records will actually have a definite part in the kingdom advance.

Make the presentation of the annual report in your church a meaningful event! Express appreciation to those church officers who make this report possible! Make the presentation of the annual report in your association a time of both rejoicing and resolution! Help the associational clerk in his important work!

Make 1949 a record year for records!

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WAS PETER A POPE? WAS HE EVER IN ROME?

By Rev. A. B. Pierce
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Claims of the Advertisement

It was claimed in paid advertisement in the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial that Jesus Christ was present on the altar. We are happy to proclaim to the world that Jesus Christ is not present on anybody's altar. He died once for all and has ascended into the heavens, from which He sheds forth His spirit upon all that look to Him in faith. Anybody who wants to find Jesus Christ precious to his never dying soul can obtain Him and all that He means to mankind without submitting himself to the authority of any man. Christ will hear all who call upon Him in simple faith and obedient trust.

The statement was further made in the advertisement, "Just as Peter was the first Pope and the first Vicar of Christ, so is Pius XII, the two hundred sixty-second Pope and the Vicar of Christ today." Where is the proof that Peter was ever a Pope? Where is the proof that Peter was ever in the city of Rome? There is not one verse in the New Testament Scriptures which declares Peter to be the Vicar of Christ, or that even hints that Peter ever saw the city of Rome. Since the Bible contains no evidence to prove such claims, then some history outside of Catholic authorship should be cited for such proof. The volume and page where such proof is recorded would be very convincing. All Scripture and history rises up to cry "out-

SOUTHEAST PASTORS TO MEET ON SEPT. 19

The Southeast Pastors' Conference will meet at First Church, Laurel on September 19. The program will begin at 10 a. m. Rev. Aubrey Cothen will bring the devotional, Rev. Byran Simmons will discuss "The Use of Proof-tests in Preaching," and Rev. W. B. Abel will deliver the sermon. After lunch business will be discussed and Rev. M. V. McKinster will speak on "Preaching Values in Acts."

rage" at such unfounded claims. —

The Pope, Peter Contrasted

Peter said that Jesus Christ is the head of the corner (I Peter 2:1-10). Peter was a married man (Mark 1:30); Pius XII is not married. Peter had no silver and gold (Acts 3:6); Pius XII has at his command vast riches. Peter refused to let men bow before him and worship (Acts 10:25-26); Pius XII does not refuse such. Peter proclaimed the priesthood of all who have been called out of darkness into the glorious light (I Peter 2:9); Pius XII claims the sole priesthood of the priests of Rome. Peter proclaimed the cleansing power of the blood of Christ (I Peter 1:18-19); Pius XII proclaims the expiating power of the works of men. We ask you—how could Pius XII be the successor of Him with whom he has nothing in common?

Statements of Authoritative History

Ridpath's Universal History is regarded the world over as authoritative. Here is what Ridpath's History has to say about the establishment of the Roman Papacy and the first Pope—on page 418, volume IV: "This epoch in history should not be passed over without reference to the rapid growth of the papal church, in the close of the sixth century, and the beginning of the seventh. Most of all by Gregory the Great, whose pontificate extended from 590 to 604 A. D., was the supremacy of the Apostolic See asserted and maintained. Under the triple titles of Bishop of Rome, Primate of Italy, and Apostle of the West, he gradually by gentle insinuation or bold assertion, as best suited the circumstances, elevated the Episcopacy of Rome into a genuine papacy of the church. He succeeded in bringing the Arians of Italy and Spain into Catholic fold and thus secured the solidarity of the Western Ecclesia." There you have history's word as to who was the first Pope, who exercised any semblance of powers such as that of the present day Pope. May we ask where does Peter fit into this picture?

Outstanding Differences

Since the days of Gregory the Great the outstanding differences between Roman Catholics and all Christian dissenters from Catholicism are represented in these three facts:

First, Catholics believe in the authority and infallibility of the "Church" both in the political and ecclesiastical realms, while others believe in the authority and infallibility of the Scriptures of the realm of religion and the complete separation of Church and State in the realm of politics.

Second, Catholics believe that salvation is secured only through conventional relations with the "Church," while others believe that salvation is secured only through a personal faith

DR. R. G. LEE FIRST SPEAKER ON YEAR-ROUND RADIO PROGRAM

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DR. ROBERT G. LEE

CONGREGATION BUILDING CHURCH FOR \$2,000

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—(RNS)—Members of St. John's A. M. E. congregation here have started construction of a new church which will cost about \$2,000.

The unusually low cost is made possible by the use of a special cement block developed by Tuskegee Institute, and by the donation of time and labor of church members.

Members of the congregation, whose yearly cash income is less than \$500, have made the simple wooden molds needed to cast the blocks, which are about 16 inches long, 8 inches wide and 3 inches thick.

The average block costs about four cents, the main item of expense being cement, which is plentiful in this section. Sand and gravel have been procured from nearby creeks, and the lumber for the floor and roof will be hand-cut from the pine forests, which abound in the area.

Since the majority of church members are farmers and part-time employees at the neighboring Veterans Administration hospital and Tuskegee Institute, work is done at night and over week ends. Electric lights, considered a great luxury in this rural area, have been rigged up in the pine trees to provide illumination.

The church is the first of its kind

in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Third, Catholics require attendance upon worship under grave penalties for neglect, while others regard attendance upon worship as voluntary on the part of the individual, totally free from penalties or the imposition of penance.

Jesus said to His disciples in the presence of Peter, "One is your Master even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven" (Matthew 23:8-9). If you desire a test whereby we can judge the true church of the first born whose names are written in heaven, then read your New Testament and ask if that which you are being offered conforms to the pattern therein laid down. If it does not then you would be wise to reject it.

All Scripture references herein contained may be read from the version of the Scriptures approved by Catholic authorities.

The first year-round Baptist Hour will go on the air over a convention-wide network of 132 stations on Oct. 2 with Dr. Robert G. Lee, of Memphis, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the speaker. Dr. Lee's theme will be "The Way From Want to Wealth" and his first subject, "Sin and the Sinner's Saviour."

Dr. Lee, who is pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, will be the speaker during October, November and December, S. F. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, announced.

Other subjects in Dr. Lee's series of sermons will be:

October 9, "Needed, Magnificent Men In A Muddled World."

October 16, "Do You Have The Blood Mark."

October 23, "Is It Nothing To You?"

October 30, "Which Way Are You Headed?"

November 6, "Man In Conference With God."

November 13, "The Debt Christ Paid For You."

November 20, "Be Ye Thankful."

November 27, "Does Your Influence Count For God."

December 4, "Are You Ready To Meet God?"

December 11, "Are You Counting On Tomorrow?"

December 18, "The Meaning of Christmas."

December 25, "Who Is This Christ?"

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OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP) — SMILING Bob Kerr, Oklahoma's junior senator in the United States Congress and veteran Baptist Sunday School teacher, has entered the Oklahoma repeal fight with an article denouncing the effects of alcohol on the nation. Kerr, a consistent dry, both personally and politically, said in an article published by a national Methodist temperance magazine, "Based upon my observation and knowledge of the many evils of liquor to human beings, I have been against it all my life and will oppose it as long as I live."

to use the Tuskegee block, which has not been released as yet for commercial use, and might well set the pattern for similar low-cost rural churches in the South.

Pointing to the need for better housing for sharecroppers in the South, Mr. Dixon feels that the experience being gained by the church members is not only serving as a valuable lesson in community cooperation, but is rapidly providing them with the "know-how" to build their own homes.

He points to the fact that four of the men working on the church have started to make cement blocks for four-room housing units to replace their unpainted wooden shacks.

Tuskegee Institute professors estimate that if these farmers and workers and their families do all the labor, they can build a house with Tuskegee blocks for as little as \$500 cash.